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# Israel hails King Hussein's visit to Tel Aviv

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JORDAN'S King Hussein yesterday flew an army helicopter to Tel Aviv, where Israelis hailed his visit as testimony to the blossoming peace between the former enemies.

The one-day trip, Hussein's first official visit to Tel Aviv, was a tribute to slain prime minister Yitzhak Rabin.

He flew into Sde Dov Airport, stepped down from the helicopter, and embraced Prime Minister Shimon Peres. Four Israeli F-15s flew over to honor him.

"Your very presence is testimony to the ever expanding ties of trust and cooperation which are binding our countries in a deepening, mutual friendship," Peres said.

At a ceremony honoring Elyakim Rubinstein and Fayez Tarawneh for their contributions to achieving the peace treaty at Beit Gavriel on the shores of Lake Kinneret last night, Hussein vowed to continue the legacy of Rabin, his "friend, brother, and partner," in striving to achieve a just, lasting, and comprehensive peace throughout the Middle

Rubinstein, now a district court judge, and Tarawneh, Jor-dan's ambassador to the US, led the delegations in the peace talks.

Flanked by Peres and US Secretary of State Warren Christopher, Hussein paid tribute to Rabin the peace-maker, and described his widow Leah as his

DAVID RUDGE and news agencies

"It is a privilege and pleasure for me to be among you this evening, together with the prime minister and the secretary of state, symbolizing our combined will, which has never diminished, to achieve a comprehensive peace in this entire region, and to contribute to this endeavor," he

"The last time I was in this beautiful part of the State of Israel, it was on a very different occasion, connected as it is with that which brings us together today." He was referring to his meeting

with Rabin at which the draft peace accord was ratified. "We met here, my friend, my brother, and partner in building the Jordanian-Israeli peace - my fellow shepherd shepherding the movement towards peace - the

late prime minister Yitzhak . "I believe that although he has left us, he has left us a legacy, and we must do whatever we can to insure that what he gave his life for is not lost, or placed in jeopar-

dy in any way.
"We struggle and will continue to do our utmost to move away from darkness, fear, narrowmindedness, blindness, suffering, and hatred and toward a future that is worthy of us, the children of Abraham and their descendants ... to build a new region and hopefully be an inspiration to

others in the world." Rubinstein and Tarawneh each received a \$25,000 prize from the

Gabriel Sherover Foundation, which they both said they would donate to charity. The presentation should have taken place on

November 7, but was postponed following Rabin's assassination. After the ceremony, Christopher, Peres, and Hussein met for private talks about the peace

Earlier in the day, Hussein dedicated a trauma center named for Rabin at Tel Aviv's Ichilov Hospital, where he died on No-vember 4. On the way to Ichilov, the king's motorcade passed the

square where Rabin was gunned down by Yigal Amir.
"By definition, our society is quite divided," Peres said at the hospital ceremony. "I don't know any other element that one waste. any other element that can unite us more than your visit to our

Police sealed off the heart of Tel Aviv, deploying a quarter of the force to guard the king. It was the tightest security the city had ever seen.

Hussein, who last visited Israel for Rabin's funeral, also paid a visit to two Jordanian soldiers receiving treatment at Ichilov.

"I would like to say how happy we are to have the opportunity to be with our friends, our pariners in building, and laying the foundations for a comprehensive peace in this region," he said at

Jordanian flags and banners in Hebrew and Arabic welcomed him, along with thousands of Israelis who lined the streets for a glimpse of the royal motorcade. Related stories, Page 3

Leah Rabin signs the foundation scroll for the Yitzhak Rabin Trauma Center yesterday, as King Hussein and Prime Minister Shimon

# 'It's not every day you see a king'

BENNY Naor stood patiently in his telephone. equipment store yesterday morning on Rehov Ibn Gvirol as three soldiers searched it thoroughly. It was the third time his shop was checked preceding King Hussein's visit. Smiling, Naor said the searches didn't bother him.

His only worry was that security would be so tight he would not be able to step out of his store when the king's entourage drove by. "How many kings come to Israel, let alone to Tel Aviv? Actually, I think all of the kings and presidents should come here, not just to Jerusalem. They should see a little action!"

Like Naor, the vast majority of Tel Aviv residents took the disruption of Hussein's visit

Throughout the day, Ibn Gvirol, usually one of the busiest and crowded thoroughfares in the city, was silent and empty. The atmosphere on the street was something between a military occupation and a major holiday.

Pedestrians strolled down the sidewalks

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measures around Yitzhak Rabin Square were unprecedented. Never before had residents received notices that there may be sharpshooters on their roofs.

Some local shopkeepers did grumble a bit. Ofer Toviha, who owns two clothing stores on Ibn Gvirol, shut one of them down for the entire day. "Hey, who's going to compensate us for the money we're not making today?" he demanded. When asked if he would rather the visit didn't take place, he said grudgingly, "Well, if it's just one time, I guess it's OK. For Hussein, I'll put up with it."

Across the street, bakery owner Ida Eisen said she didn't mind the slowdown. "I'm happy Hussein is coming," she said. "Assad should come too! We'll welcome him the same way. Anything, just so there will be peace."

On the other hand, business was booming at the espresso bars that have spring up along rather gaily, marveling at the number of sol- Iba Gvirol. One store was full of workers diers and police lining the street. The security from the office tower across the street who wanted to use the excuse of grabbing a coffee to look at the action.

Some took advantage of the slowdown in business to wait for the king to drive by. Carmela Orevy sat at the cosmetics counter of the Shekem in front of a window overlooking the road where Hussein would soon drive by. "I've never seen anything like this." she said. "It's been quiet here all day. But it's worth it. It's not every day you see a king."

in the end, not only Orevy got a good view of the king. As the limousine with the Israeli and Jordanian flags containing Shimon Peres and King Hussein came by, Benny Naor waved at it. A hand waved back at him from the back seat of the car. He couldn't see the face that belonged to the waving hand, but he hoped it was the king's.

# Syria announces readiness for 'continuous' peace talks

Christopher arrives to help speed negotiations

Christopher arrived here vesterday for a new round of talks in the region with Israeli and Syrian leaders. Syria said it is ready to engage in "continuous negotiations" until a peace agreement is reached.

The official Syrian newspaper Al-Boath said "great hopes" are attached to the Christopher visit. "If there is anything new in the Syrian position, it is readiness for continuous negotiations that would end with results which will give peace what it requires and give the region security," it commented.

"Although there are very serious gaps, I arrive here in a very hopeful frame of mind," Christopher said after two sessions with Prime Minister Shimon Peres.

Peres paid tribute to Syrian President Hafez Assad. "Our impression is that President Assad, like us, the government of Israel, and along with our American friends, has decided to make a supreme effort not just to advance the negotiations but also to hasten them," he said. "We know that the months before us are not many. Israeli elections are scheduled in October and that is when our mandate

expires." Negotiations have now reached the point where the two sides can see the trade-offs necessary for a settlement, Christopher said on his way from Washington. "We've come to a critical point in the negotiations where we need to coalesce on some of the main issues," he said. "We need to bring them together and to move forward at an intensified pace."

On Friday, Christopher meets with Assad in Damascus, hoping to get a response to proposals



news agencies Israeli negotiators made in talks that recessed last Friday.

Christopher said he is looking for the "best next step" to reach a peace settlement, after more than four years of on-and-off peace negotiations. Over the weekend. he will meet with PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat, focusing on the elections scheduled for January 20 for a legislature.

Israeli-Syrian negotiations are expected to resume at the Wye conference center in Maryland on January 22. Christopher would like the two sides to send their foreign ministers to the talks.

"All the issues are on the table and it is possible for the parties now to see the trade-offs." Christooher said.

Thomas O'Dwyer adds: Turkey yesterday urged Syria to take effective measures against the peace process. "Syria simply cannot survive

by continuing to have problems with all its neighbors," Deputy Foreign Minister Onur Oymen said in an interview.

"We must all strive for a Middle East free of violence and totalitarianism," Oymen said. "I urge Syria to take more effective measures against terrorism. Its contribution will be more valuable if it is free of the stigma of supporting terrorism. It's time for the Syrians to take their full place in the community of nations in this region."

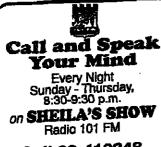
Oymen said he was in Israel for high-level political consultations and to offer Turkey's full support for the peace process. "I want to exchange some views on how we can best cope with the problems and reach a fully comprehensive peace," he said.

# Ministry: Bezeq extorting public with unapproved beeper service

THE Communications Ministry vesterday described as "extortion" the offering of a new "calling party pays" (CPP) paging service by Bezeq and four private beeper companies without receiving official ministry authoriza-

Ministry Director-General Shlomo Waxe learned from The Jerusalem Post that the "experimental" service began in mid-November and that callers to the 058 service pay four to six phone units when they leave or collect messages via a public telephone.

Waxe will meet with the heads of all the paging companies -Beeper, Iturit, Beep-a-Call, and Shidurit - today to impress upon



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them that they have violated regulations and introduced a service without ministry permission. The ministry will then decide what to do regarding CPP service.

In an effort to attract more customers in the face of the growing number of cellular phones, the paging companies decided to sell their paging devices for a low. price - about NIS 450 - and to forgo the monthly service charge. According to the companies' plans, anyone who wants to leave message will - when the service becomes permanent - be charged four to six phone message units, as will be subscribers who collect their messages. The paging companies asked Bezeq to provide the infrastructure.

Thousands of people have already purchased the "cheap" beepers. Beeper managing director Ze'ev Aharonson said that his company has already signed up 3,000 subscribers. Some companies have printed business cards that instruct customers to call the 058 number, but do not explain the extra charges.

It was agreed that, during the experiment, callers from private phone lines would not have to pay more than one phone unit; their phone bill would be debited four to six units for each call to a 058 number, but the money would be credited to their account in the same bill. However, Rezen told the paging companies that technically, it could not return the extra charges to those using public telephones.

D.Z., a photographer who purchased a Beeper company pager involve, she said.

for NIS 465, complained that she was not told the service was experimental, but she was told she and those who paged her would have to pay three phone units for contacting the 058 number.

"It turned out that the charge is six units. In addition, I live in a Jerusalem neighborhood with no digital phone services. I wasn't asked when I signed up with Beeper, and didn't know that subscribers connected to an analog exchange have no access to 058. Thus, to collect my voice mail, I have to call the number from a pay phone and pay six units each time," she said.

Aharonson maintained that only recently did his company become aware of the fact that public phone users would be charged extra phone units for calling 058.

A Bezeq spokesman said it had asked the paging companies to tell subscribers that they should not call 058 lines via a public phone. "We also informed the ministry that we were starting this technical experiment. We received no comment, so we went ahead," he said.

However, Communications Ministry spokeswoman Tal Sofer said that while the application may have been received, "Bezeq did not meet our criteria and the experimental service was not

CCP services cannot be launched until they are approved by the Knesset Finance Committee and the ministry, which will insist on a major information campaign informing the general public of the extra charges they

# Cabinet to vote on Ayalon appointment

ON LEVY

PRIME Minister Shimon Peres will on Sunday ask the cabinet to approve the appointment of former OC Navy Adm. (res.) Ami Ayalon as the next chief of the General Security Service.

It is believed the appointment

will be approved only after the

government makes a formal an-

nouncement that Ayalon is its candidate for the post. If his appointment is approved, Ayalon is expected to begin taking over soon while working alongside outgoing head "K," who said he would work with

Ayalon as long as needed. On Tuesday morning, Peres asked Ayalon to take the post and later in the day, Ayalon agreed.

The security establishment has welcomed Ayalon's appointment. "Ayalon is the right man at the right time," said a security

Ayalon, 51, will be the first GSS head who is not from the GSS establishment.

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#### Chechens free 3,000 hostages

KIZLYAR, Russia (Reuter) – Chechen guerrillas freed about 3,000 hostages at a hospital in Dagestan yesterday but threatened to shoot dozens of others if their convoy of getaway buses was prevented from reaching neighboring Chechnya.

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A released Palestinian prisoner sits on the shoulders of his friends and raises the victory sign yesterday.

# 800 Palestinian prisoners released in accord with Oslo 2

ISRAEL released 800 prisoners yesterday in different Palestinian towns, including nearly 400 from Hamas, Islamic Jihad, and leftwing opposition groups.

The release was in accord with the Oslo 2 agreement, which calls for a three-stage prisoner release, - 1,000 directly after the accords, 1,000 before the Palestinian elections, and the remainder in negotiations after the elections.

Some 23 women inmates in Sharon Prison, who were to have been released in the first stage last September, are still refusing to leave because five others did not receive pardons from President Ezer Weizman, although the Oslo 2 agreement spoke of releasing "all" women prisoners. · · · Some 210 other prisoners from Ashkelon and Nafha prisons were released in Gaza, but 160 said they had been jailed in Ketziot for

working in Israel without a permit and were not security offenders.

About 600 were released in different Palestinian West Bank towns at District Coordinating Offices and checkpoints, including nearly 200 in Hebron. By next week some 400 more are to be

Many were close to the end of their sentences, but some were not. Zakariah Abu Zaida, an Islamic Jihad supporter from Gaza, sentenced to 10 years, was out after only two years.

Many of the prisoners said they signed pledges that they "would not leave the area of Palestinian jurisdiction until the end of their sentences and would refrain from

Another Islamic Jihad member, Abdel-Karim Abu Rabiya, who was sentenced to 11 years and had three more years to serve, said that he was informed of his pending release only on

Neither Abu Rabiya nor Abu Zaida appeared overjoyed, complaining about prison conditions and the prisoners left behind.

hal Oz checkpoint. "Not all the prisoners will be released."
Some 3,000-4,000 prisoners will remain in jail after the end of next week. Israel has said it will not release those with "Jewish

"Don't keep your hopes up,"

shouted Abu Zaida to the cheer-

ing crowd of women near the Na-

blood on their hands." According to PA Planning Manister Nabil Shaath, the negotiator for prisoner releases, there are 240 Palestinians in jail for killing Israelis, while 500 more are considered accomplices. In addition, several hundred are in jail for attempted murder.

The released prisoners will be able to register to vote, Palestin-

ian election officials said. Security officials estimated that the normalizing effect of re-leasing prisoners, including Is-lamic radicals, after the assassination of Hamas terrorist Yihye Ayyash would outweigh the secunty dangers following Hamas's call for revenge. Not releasing them after having reached an agreement to do so could have added to the tensions, they said.

Meanwhile, Izzadin Kassam, the armed wing of Hamas, issued a statement yesterday on the assassination of Ayyash accusing the Palestinian Authority of being an accomplice in his death.

The information we have indicates that PA bodies facilitated the commission of this treacherous crime," the statement said, adding that Palestinian intelligence had raided houses where he was suspected of hiding and had interrogated Hamas detain-ees about his whereabouts.

# Ayalon a firm believer in hands-on command

WHEN Adm. (res.) Ami Ayalon was asked Tuesday night if he was going to be the next General Security Service chief, he refused

"I'm debating. I'm never convinced - I prefer to check it out thoroughly," he said. A few min-utes later he called Prime Minister and Defense Minister Shimon Peres and told him: "I accept the

Just a week after completing his term as commander of the navy, and after receiving a moving letter from Peres, Ayalon is returning to service. When his family was asked why he would not take another General Staff job, they replied: "Ami's tired of

This wasn't the first time be was offered the post. About a year ago, when Ya'acov Perry was about to complete his term, prime minister Yitzhak Rabin offered it to him, but Ayalon re-

He told those around him, and maybe even Rabin, that he was interested in heading the Mos-

However, this time Rabin's assassination and the developments within the GSS would not let Ayaion ignore Peres, who spoke of the national responsibility of

Ayalon, a man of few words, a professional who avoids the limelight and a quick study, was well-liked by those who served under him; all agree he is the right man for the job in these troubled

It is expected he will quickly

restore the service's prestige and self-confidence.

Ayalon, 51, married and the father of three boys, was born in 1945 on Kibbutz Ma'agan, to parents who immigrated from Transytvania in 1936.

In 1963 he joined the IDF and volunteered for the navy com-mando unit, Shayetet 13, where he gained his reputation serving in every position from frogman to commander of the citte unit.

Although most of his opera-tions are still classified, in 1969. during the War of Attrition, he commanded a unit gathering intelligence on Green Island. His lack of Arabic almost undermined the operation when they encountered an Arab and Ayalon wished him good morning instead of good night. The Arab realized the men were Israelis, and they only narrowly managed to get off the island.

Several weeks later, Ayalon won the Medal of Valor when, as commander of the landing on the island, he led a combined advance force made up of the Shayetet and the Sayeret Matkal.

Amos Danieli, one of the Sayeret Matkal soldiers, remem-

bers: "My group was on the roof at the furthest point away. He was the only one who came to where we were. He didn't have to, but he was a fighter." Ayalon also helped evacuate the wounded. "Despite his small size, he carried two wounded men to the evacuation point," Danieli

In 1974, the navy commandos attacked a terrorist base deep inside Lebanon. Dr. Yehuda Melamed, the doctor who accompanied the force, remembered that the operation required a difficult walk from the beach to the terroxists' hideout.

"We waited on the beack for Ami and his team to return to the boats and escape via the sea. We waited a long time and they didn't show up. We went through some long, nervous moments un-til we saw Ami. I asked him why they took so long and he said: We wiped out all the terrorists in the building. There was also a Lebanese boy inside who jumped out and was injured. I gave an order to treat him.

"Later we had to ask ourselves whether we should treat him or leave him there wounded. So we treated him. I thought it right to stop and be delayed five

Ayalon also commanded a mis-Ayann also commanded a his-sile boat squadron, patrol boat squadron, and navy bases in Ash-dod and Haifa, the navy commandos in the Red Sea region. and in 1979 was appointed overall navy commando commander.

In the Lebanon War, he returned from studies in the US to command the landing of forces at Beirut during the siege of the

In July 1992, he became OC Navy and continued to take part in commando operations. "I think a commander has to be where he can still have an impact on what happens to the front-row fighters," he has said.

# Tradition of secrecy broken over Ayalon's appointment

THERE has been no official response from the military censor to the media's disclosure yesterday that former OC Navy Ami Ayalon will become the next head of the General Security

Beyond saying that, "We did not authorize the publishing of this information," censor Eytan Gurfinkel refused comment on whether his office will take action against the violators. Breaking with the long estab-

lished precedent of total secrecy surrounding the identity of Israel's

top security people, Ha'aretz reported that Ayalon had acceded to Prime Minister Shimon Peres's request that he replace K., who reigned on Tuesday. Ma ariv and Yediot Aharonot also came out with the information.

Ha'aretz editor Hanoch Marmari replied, "No comment," when asked about the paper's decision to go public on Ayalon. However he had said earlier to Renters that naming Ayalon was "in the public interest ... Even if

the organization is secret and its people unidentified, the organization's head should be disclosed." "Everybody already knew the name," Ma'ariv editor Ya'acov Erez said bluntly, adding that the subject was being discussed all

The Jerusalem Post and Dayar Rishon adhered to censorship regulations and submitted the story, with Ayalon's name, to the censor. The censor deleted the name and so both papers only talked of a "senior defense figure" accepting the job of GSS chief.

# Compromise reached on Oslo 2 bill

THE vote on the second and third readings of the bill on the interim agreement with the Palestinians will be held next Tuesday, according to a compromise reached yesterday after hours of often acrimonious discussion in the Knesset House Committee.

The coalition needs to ensure the law passes before the Palestinian Authority elections, scheduled for January 20. One of the clauses is necessary to enable voting in east Jerusalem post offices.

On Tuesday, a special coalition-dominated committee formed to discuss the bill broke down when chairman Haggai Merom (Labor) ordered two Likud MKs removed after specifying who could be a member. He openly admitted he was using the House Rules to prevent the Likud from dragging out the discus-

The House Committee met frequently yesterday, often with bitter verbal exchanges, in an ef-

THE Histadrut asked the Beer-

sheba Labor Court yesterday to issue an injunction blocking the

dismissal of the 230 workers of

the Polgat-owned Ouman textile

company and ordering Polgat to

reopen the plant to meet out-

standing orders, as it had agreed

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fort to find a compromise which would enable the opposition to state its reservations, but ensure the bill is passed on time.

In the early evening, the two sides agreed that the Likud would not use a no-confidence motion as a delaying tactic - as it did over the first reading - but that there would be a 17-hour plenum debate in which the opposition could present its reservations.

In an unusual clause to the agreement, Michael Eitan (Likud) managed to impose a condition that ministers could not speak at will during the debate.

During the marathon debates on the economic arrangements bill and budget, ministers frequently took to the floor during live prime time coverage.

Eitan said he made the final agreement after he was convinced that it was more important

to have floor time to deal with the real issue the Likud is concerned with - the possible harm to Jerusalem's status - than to win technical points by exploiting the House Rules, particularly since it is clear the bill will pass.

An example of the tension engendered by the bill was shown when the coalition demanded Esther Salmovitz (Atid) immediately step down from the Speaker's chair in favor of Rafi Edri (Labor).

The coalition had feared she intended to declare the session closed before the bill could be presented. Edri announced a recess which lasted nearly three

The bill was finally presented

last night. According to the agreement, the debate will start at 10 a.m. Monday and last until midnight; on Tuesday, the third reading will last from 10 a.m. until 10 p.m., when the final vote will be taken.

## **NEWS IN BRIEF**

Three pedestrians killed in traffic Haim Foxman, 71, of Jerusalem, was killed yesterday when he was hit by a taxi while crossing Jaffa Road. Police said Foxman crossed the street although his view was blocked by a bus. An unidentified female pedestrian was killed when she was

struck by a car in Rehovot yesterday.

Meanwhile, Hana Yunis, 72, of Ashdod, who was struck by a car as she was crossing the street on Tuesday morning, died of her injuries yesterday. The license of the 27-year-old woman driving the car which hit her was suspended for 90 days. Itim

Youth killed in ATV accident A youth was killed and another lightly injured yesterday when the all-terrain vehicle in which they were traveling overturned

Court-martial over navy training accident Several officers and commandos in Shayetet 13 will face courtmartial for their personal or command responsibility in the training accident last January that resulted in the death of Third Petry Officer Ran Kimche. The investigating committee appointed by former OC Navy Ami Ayalon recommended this, it has been learned.

Holon youth found stabbed A Holon youth, 17, was discovered in a park near his home

yesterday suffering from stab wounds in the legs and back. He was reported in good condition at Wolfson Hospital. The youth was discovered by his father.

Land promised for alternative burials The Jerusalem Cemetery Council yesterday promised to give the Menuha Nehona alternative burial society a portion of any land it receives in the future for additional cemetery space. The promise was made during a High Court of Justice hearing on Menuha Nehona's petition against the lack of land for nonreligious burials. At the court's suggestion, the group withdrew

Closure lifted in areas The IDF lifted the closure on Judea, Samaria, and Gaza last

night, while Israelis may now enter Jenin, Nabhis, Bethlehem. Tulkarm, and Kalkilya, the IDF Spokesman announced yesterday. Judea, Samaria, and Gaza were declared closed military areas following the murder in Gaza of arch-terrorist Yihye Ayyash last week.

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Extremist arrested at airport An extreme right-wing activist who fied the country after

Yitzhak Rabin's assassination was arrested upon arrival at Ben-Gurion Airport early yesterday. Activist Avigdor Esken was wanted by police for praising the murder and claiming he helped bring it about by placing a religious curse on Rabin. Esken arrived from Amsterdam after initially fleeing to Russia, from where he immigrated about 15 years ago. Bill Hutman

Norway holds millions seized from Jews Norway is holding millions of dollars in property and bank accounts confiscated from Jews during the Holocaust, the World Jewish Congress has charged. The property of 1,053 Norwegian Jewish families and at least 70 businesses were seized by the pro-Nazi Quisling government, the WJC says in a report to be released soon in Jerusalem.

## PM's okay needed to tap calls of senior security personnel

THE General Security Service will be able to monitor calls by senior members of the security forces, including its own members, to prevent damaging leaks, but only with the prime minister's permission. This is now permitted by a wiretapping law passed a few months ago and discussed by a joint Knesset committee yesterday.

The law states that the specific regulations on carrying out wiretapping must be presented for the approval of a joint committee of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense and Law committees. Both the regulations and the discussions themselves are secret.

Yesterday the joint committee - comprising Yitzhak Levy (National Religious Party), Likud MKs Dan Meridor and Moshe Nissim, and chaired by Law Committee head Dedi Zucker (Meretz) - met for the first time. GSS operatives who carry out wiretapping described their work methods and procedures. Committee members raised some reservations about some of the GSS procedures and will try to amend them before endorsing the regulations. They also asked for further clarifications.

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One of the reservations appears to be that because the regulations themselves are classified, someone harmed by their improper use would not be able to find out whether or not the regulations had been breached.

After the meeting, Zucker refused to say whether the regulations protect an individual's right to privacy and said he would only be able to comment at the end of all discussions on the law.

#### J'lem man stabbed to death at home

BILL HUTMAN

A JERUSALEM resident was found stabbed to death in his home yesterday morning, with his one-year old son crying in a nearby room. Mark Sperver, 29, was pronounced dead at his apartment in the Ramot neighborhood. He had several stab wounds to his back and chest. Sperver's wife, who had left for work at 6:30 a.m., called home an hour later to make sure her husband was awake, but there was no answer, according to police.

The wife called their son's baby-sitter, who went to the apartment. She found Sperver, a computer programmer who immigrated from Russia five years ago, lying dead in the living room.

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arrived, and there were no signs of a break-in or a robbery.

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#### Histadrut: Polgat must reopen Ouman factory MICHAL YUDELMAN

Histadrut legal adviser Naomi Landau asked the court to declare the dismissals invalid, because they violate the collective wage agreement in Ouman on Polgat's part. She argued they constitute a unilateral step taken

In deep sorrow we mourn the passing of

# Rabbi DAVID KAHANE 57

בן הרב לוי יצחס Who served for over 30 years in the rabbanut in New York City.

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#### ANNE COHEN

Passed away peacefully in Pretoria, South Africa

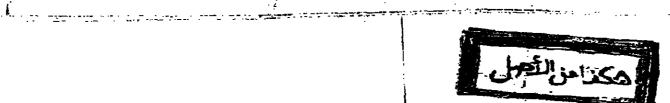
in the midst of negotiations over the plant's continued operation. The injunction request was delayed until yesterday evening, after Polgat contacted the Histadrut yesterday and asked to continue negotiations. The Hista-drut's representatives agreed, but demanded that Polgat first re-

> have not yet been delivered to the workers. When Polgat refused to cancel the dismissals, the Histadrut turned to the court. In the talks between Histadrut Chairman MK Amir Peretz and Polgat's management, the latter agreed to continue operating the plant for six more months if orders for at least 150,000 sweaters

were obtained at an agreed price.

voke the dismissal notices, which

The Histadrut launched an intensive "sweater operation," receiving orders for more than 200,000 sweaters from groups, corporations, and individuals in Israel and abroad, including Japan and the United States. But Polgat, which reiterated its agreement to reopen the plant at subsequent meetings, unilaterally announced on Tuesday that it was firing all the workers. The dismissal notices were issued despite the fact that the joint team set up to coordinate all the orders was in the midst of its activity.



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# Israel rolls out the red carpet for King Hussein

JORDAN and Israel yesterday reaffirmed the need for a comprehensive peace settlement in the Middle East as King Hussein paid a brief visit here.

At 2:20 p.m. two Royal Jordanian Air Force helicopters touched down at the end of the runway at Tel Aviv's Sde Dov Airport under heavy security, while two patrol boats kept guard off shore.

Hussein descended from the cockpit and was greeted by Prime Minister Shimon Peres, Knesset Speaker Shevah Weiss, and a long line of dignitaries, as an IDF band sounded a fanfare.

The two anthems were played and four F-15s flew past as Hussem inspected an honor guard.

"I cannot remember a time that Israel awaited a visitor with for you, your majesty," Peres to the Defense Ministry. told Hussein.

"Your personality and nobility have enabled all walks of life in our country to unite in a profound national welcome and feel the warmth of the peace you represent so greatly and convincingly."

Hussein expressed the hope that the entire region would experience "the dawn of peace ... for all the children of Abraham." A near diplomatic faux pas was

avoided when the driver of the royal limousine, Menahem Damti, succeeded at the last minute in switching around the Jordanian flag which had been hung upside down at the airport.

From the airport, the motorcade made its way to Ichilov Hospital (see separate story) and latsuch warm anticipation as it, has er through the streets of Tel Aviv The wail of police sirens and

cheering and clapping from scores of soldiers who had squeezed their way to the building windows to catch a glimpse of the king in the dusk greeted the monarch as he arrived there.

Hussein and Peres, accompanied by Jordanian Premier Sharif Zaid Bin Shaker and several other Jordanian cabinet ministers, as well as Foreign Minister Ehud Barak and Health Minister Ephraim Sneh, then held consultations inside the ministry.

Also present were Foreign Ministry Director-General Uri Savir, Deputy Chief of Staff Maj.-Gen. Matan Vilna'i, and former aide to Yitzhak Rabin Ei-

tan Haber. Peres later told reporters "this is

in a way the first visit of the monarch to the Defense Ministry, which is now becoming really a peace ministry.

He added: "We hope that all 20 Arab heads of state will [one day meet with us to bring real peace to the region."

Asked when this would be, Peres said that it would take place "before the end of this century."

In reply to a question, Hussein said his country had normalized its relations with Saudi Arabia and the Gulf States and expressed the hope that ties with Kuwait would be restored to the level prior to the Gulf War.

Following their press confer-- ence, the two leaders departed meetings with the monarch. for the sirport where they flew to the Kinneret



Leah Rabin and King Hussein admire a plaque by artist Aliza Sheinzon (right) at the dedication of the Yitzhak Rabin Trauma Center at Tel Aviv's Ichilov Hospital.

lice helicopters could be heard

bovering above in preparation

for the event. By 7 a.m. cars,

mopeds and even bicycles were

towed away from main streets.

Police were not taking any

chances, especially in view of

warnings of terror attacks after

They needn't have worried. At

12:30 p.m., Derech Hashalom -

usually clogged with traffic on the

way to the city center and the

the killing of Yihye Ayyash.

# Riot squads relax after trying day

TEL AVIV's riot squad officers just some of the 3,500 policemen drafted in the city yesterday to safeguard King Hussein's visit breathed huge sighs of relief out-side Ichilov Hospital as the king's motorcade sped back to Sde Dov Airport from the Defense Ministry yesterday.

"Phew, thank God for that," said one officer. "Our bosses have driven us mad for the last week with these arrangements. I an't tell you how d all passed peacefully."

By around 7 p.m., a city whose northern and central areas had been completely cordoned off since around 1 p.m. opened up again, with police opening hundreds of roadblocks around the

Inspector-General Assaf Hefetz said that warnings to the pub-lic to stay away from the city had

paid off. "People took notice of the media and refrained from reaching

the city center," said Hefetz.

From the morning Internal Se-

curity Minister Moshe Shahal, Hefetz, and Tel Aviv police chief Cmdr. Gabi Last inspected the preparations. While examining security at Ichilov Hospital some two hours before the king's arrival, a little old lady walked in with them, through the phalanx of GSS and police officers, apparently unaware of what was going

Anyone else invited to King Hussein's visit to Ichilov was subjected to stringent security checks. But contrary to previous events and rallies when police, GSS men, and private security companies were seen to overreact for fear of attacks, this time examinations were carried out in an orderly, polite fashion. There were no long queues or raucous arguments, and invitees' entrance to the heavily guarded

hospital was quick and efficient.

Already on Tuesday night po-

Kirya – was practically empty. "It's like Yom Kippur," said one police officer. "No traffic, no cars, no people on the streets.

Maybe King Hussein should visit every day," he quipped. Apparently instead of going to work, many chose to stay at home in front of the TV sets rather than brave potential traffic

jams and police roadblocks. "No incidents were reported," Last said, "apart from a report of a suspicious package on Ibn Gvirol street which turned out to

# Security turns Ichilov into fortress

Wounded Jordanian

soldier moved by visit

JORDANIAN Air Force pilot Capt. Muhammad Atout, wounded in a training exercise last August near Amman, was moved to tears yesterday as he opened the gifts he received

during the visit by King Hussein and Prime Minister Shimon Peres to Tel Aviv's Ichilov Hospital.

Atout, 27, undergoing treatment in Ichilov's neurosurgical department after being transferred from Amman in December,

said he would even keep the wrappings of the books given by Hussein and a watch inscribed "Go safely" from Peres." Atout, who suffers partial paralysis from a spinal injury, said

he feels much better since being treated at Ichilov under the care

Ruchkind is also treating another Jordanian soldier, Sgt. Nabil

Umir, wounded in Bosnia when his tank was bombed, who was

TEL Aviv's Ichilov Hospital was turned into a fortress yesterday in preparation for King Hussein's inauguration of the Yitzhak Rabin Trauma Center.

The event was held in a huge tent, with hundreds of personalities, MKs, and leading businessmen in attendance.

The security was stringent, with massive numbers of policemen and GSS agents peeping from every corner, corridor, and rooftop.

Leah Rabin, her son, Yuval, and daughter, Dalia Filosof, were guests of honor at the affair.

From a stage decorated with thousands of red and white carnations and a huge picture of Rabin, chosen by his widow because it expressed his "strength," Hussein. Prime Minister Shimon Peres, Leah Rabin, hospital director-general Prof. Gabi Barbash, and others delivered their speeches, which were more personal than official.

The hospital choir - consisting of doctors, nurses, and paramedics – sang two songs written by Yair Rosenblum, who also wrote "Song of Peace," sung by Rabin only a few minutes before he was murdered. Two children named Yarden, both born at the hospital, presented Hussein with bou-

Referring to Leah Rabin as his "sister and friend," Hussein thanked the Israeli authorities and the hospital for their hospitality on his first "official visit to this city, which I only saw previously from the air.

"I remember my first conversation with Yitzhak Rabin when I flew over this city," he said. "Memories of that conversation will remain with me for the rest of

"Immediately when I arrived, I felt at home and among friends here ... Leah Rabin and her family and Prime Minister Peres, who is trying to continue in the same courageous way the beginning of a comprehensive peace in

this region. "Hatred and anger are easier than turning destruction into construction, from war to peace. I honored Rabin as a friend, as he did me, regardless of differences, there was always mutual respect

between us." Leah Rabin said it was difficult for her and her children to visit the hospital in which her husband

"Nine long weeks have passed

since the rally," she said, her voice trembling at times. "I thought: 'Will thousands really turn up at a rally for peace - those who cursed and condemned?'

"But the site was so glorious and overwhelming, as hundreds of thousands came to show their support for peace. After the rally scores of people said to me, Take good care of him, Leah.

"Two minutes later I heard the gunshots, Yitzhak fell on the floor and never got up again. Maybe I didn't take good enough care of him?"

She described the country's youth who lit candles, wrote poems and songs, and filled the streets in front of her home following the murder.

"Now hospitals, streets, squares, highways have been named after Yitzhak. I know how much this would have meant to him if he could see this ceremony.'

She thanked the doctors who treated him on the night he was murdered. "I know you did ev-erything you could," she said.

Hussein, Peres, and Rabin then signed a dedication scroll, using the same pen used by the late prime minister and Hussein at the peace treaty signing, be-fore inaugurating the trauma

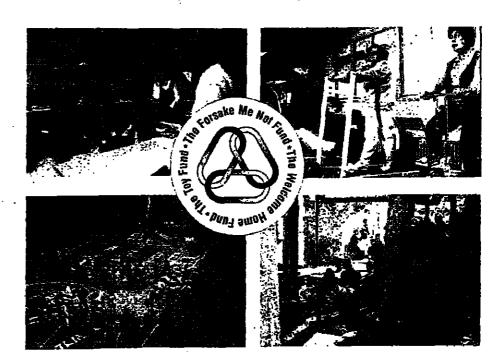
"Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin was rushed here after being shot by a villain at the end of a rally in support of the peace process," read the inscription on the sculpture at the entrance.

"After an hour of intensive resuscitation efforts, Rabin, soldier of peace, passed away."

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PERVOMAYSKAYA, Russia

CHECHEN rebels freed up to 3,000 hostages they had seized in southern Russia but took more than 160 with them yesterday when they left in buses for their breakaway republic, officials

The rebels took over a hospital and seized the captives Tuesday in a raid that killed at least 33 people in the town of Kizlyar in neighboring Dagestan, another southern republic. The rebels were demanding the withdrawal of all Russian troops from Chechnya in exchange for the hostages'

They left Kiziyar early yesterday in a column of 11 buses and two trucks, but were fired on by Russian helicopters as they neared the Chechen border. The rebels stopped in the village of Pervomayskaya, where Russian troops surrounded the buses in an effort to force the hostages'

The rebels threatened to kill the hostages, mainly women and children, if their demand for safe passage into Chechnya was not met. By nightfall, the situation was extremely tense, and Russian officials and the Chechen fighters were holding negotiations to seek a way to avoid more bloodshed.

Russian officials claimed the column had been held up by Dagestani civilians who blocked the road with about 20 cars to demand the release of the hostages.

From his hiding in a village in Chechnya, rebel leader Dzhokar Dudayev said "events on a larger But 160 are still held as insurance for safe passage home



Civilians look over the body of a killed Chechen fighter, one of those who raided Kizlyar on Tuesday.

scale" than Kizlyar were Kizlyar is located, said Zairbek

Most of the hostages were freed as a result of talks between the terrorists and officials from the republic of Dagestan, where

Magomedov, duty officer at the Interior Ministry. In Moscow, the Russian gov-

ernment indicated it would take a

President Boris Yeltsin, speak- Chechen border. ing in the Kremlin, said the rebels would have to answer for their actions and accused them of breaking their word by not releasing all the hostages at the

Prime Minister Viktor Chemomyrdin said Russia would never meet the separatists' demand for independence. "Chechnya is Russia," he said.

# US court rules woman can sue Clinton for harassment

WASHINGTON - A federal appeals court said Tuesday that President Clinton, just like any other citizen, must answer to civil charges that he sexually harassed a former Arkansas state employee.

On a 2-1 vote, the court said the president is neither immune from damage suits for his private behavior nor entitled to delay responding to a lawsuit simply because he holds high office. "The president, like all other

government officials, is subject to members of our society," a panel of the US 8th Circuit Court of Appeals in St. Louis said in a long-awaited ruling.

Indeed, the ruling has been awaited for so long that it may not prove to be a serious setback for Clinton, or at least for his reelection prospects.

Tuesday's ruling came 13 months after a US district judge first ruled on the matter. Because the president's lawyers can take



Paula Jones

their appeal further, to the full appeals court and then to the Supreme Court, it is unlikely that Clinton will have to respond to the explosive allegations until he is either a private citizen or in his second term as president.

Paula Corbin Jones was a lowlevel state employee in 1991 when, she says, then-Gov. Clin-

ton invited her to a Little Rock, Arkansas, hotel room and crudely propositioned her.

When Clinton later denied the incident ever took place, Jones filed a lawsuit in 1994 demanding \$700,000 in damages for defamation.

In response, the president's lawyers said he "vigorously denies" her claims, and they have sought to have them dismissed without a hearing, or at least delayed until he leaves the White House.

president cannot be sued over his 'official acts," but it has not spoken on whether a sitting president can be forced to deal with a civil suit while he is in office.

"I disagree with the split decision of the 8th Circuit panel," Robert S. Bennett, the president's lawyer, said in a statement. "I intend to seek review by the full appeals court and, if need be, the US Supreme Court."

Los Angeles Times

# Milosevic: I'll help curb Sarajevo violence

cautious response to a lethal Serb grenade attack in Sarajevo angered Bosnians who cast doubt on alliance peacekeeping yesterday while Serbs dug up their dead before evacuating the city.

An anti-tank rocket which hit a tram on Tuesday, killing a middle-aged woman and wounding six people, reawakened the Bosman capital's siege mentality.

NATO commander Admiral Leighton Smith said Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic promised him at a meeting in Belattacks.

"The president agrees with me 100 percent that this was a heinous act, an act of a terrorist, an act of an individual who himself or herself was trying to do damage to the [Bosnian] peace agreement," Smith told reporters.

The attack appeared to rule out any visit to Sarajevo over the weekend by US President Bill Clinton when he inspects US troops serving with the NATO

SARAJEVO (Reuter) - NATO's Implementation Force (IFOR) in north Bosnia, Croatia and Hangary.

Security officials believed that protecting Clinton in Sarajevo, where he would have to cross Serb lines either by air or in an armored car, would be a nightmare.

NATO, also strugging with an outbreak of Moslem-Creat violence in the southern city of Mos-tar and plans by 70,000 Serbs to flee Sarajevo, defended its performance.

"IFOR will not be knocked off stride,"-NATO spo Mark Rayner told reporters in the Bosnian capital.

The tram attack revived the war psychosis which gripped Sarajevo under 31/2 years of siege by the Bosnian Serbs but waned under a cease-fire begun in October.

Trams continued to trundle past the spot on Sniper Alley where the attack happened but people hurried through the streets fearfully yesterday.

#### **WORLD BRIEFS**

US Budget talks break down WASHINGTON - The White House and congressional

leaders suspended budget negotiations Tuesday as nearly 50 hours of face-to-face talks still had left the two sides hundreds of billions of dollars apart.

As has been typical in the tortured history of the talks, both sides characterized the "recess" differently and said the ball was in the other side's court. The differences in tone underscored the deep divide between the White House and Republicans, and raises the specter of a third partial government shutdown

when funding runs out again near the end of the month. Republican leaders, while speaking with restraint, said they had gone about as far as they could and would not come back to the table unless President Clinton comes up with a new proposal. "I think it's the president's move," said Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole (R-Kansas).

Rwanda tribunal seeks three suspects NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) - The International Tribunal for Rwanda yesterday named the first three suspects in the Rwandan genocide that left at least half a million people slaughtered, and asked Belgium to hand them over. The suspects, identified as Elie Ndayambaje, Joseph

Kanyabashi and Alphonse Higaniro, have been implicated in massacres around Butare in southern Rwanda and are in custody in Belgium. Chief Prosecutor Richard Goldstone asked the tribunal to

take over proceedings against three genocide men and formally ask Belgium to defer to the body, established by the UN Security Council to try those responsible for the genocide:

Turkish Islamists to hold talks with Ciller ANKARA (Reuter) - Turkey's Islamists said they would hold talks on forming a coalition government with conservative caretaker Prime Minister Tansu Ciller today and that they had set no pre-conditions.

"When meeting the parties we have no pre-conditions, we will start with a clean piece of paper," Islamist Welfare Party leader Necmettin Erbakan told a news conference yesterday.

Welfare emerged as the biggest party from last month's parliamentary elections but well short of a majority and facing opposition from secular parties to forming a coalition.

Jury still out in Maxwell trial LONDON (Reuter) - The jury deliberating fraud charges against Kevin and Ian Maxwell retired yesterday after nearly 20 hours of discussions but no verdicts.

The seven women and five men filed into the courtroom after their third day of deliberations and informed the judge they had not all agreed on verdicts in the marathon 123-day

They will retire to a hotel and resume their deliberations

Clinton tempted to punch columnist WASHINGTON - President Clinton asked the American people Tuesday to give his wife a break and have an open mind about new revelations about the Whitewater and Travelgate

The president defended first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton a day after New York Times columnist William Safire called her a "congenital liar."

In fact, White House press secretary Mike McCurry said, Clinton would like to punch Safire in the nose - metaphorically speaking, of course - for questioning Hillary Clinton's

"I just would like the American people to take a deep breath, relax and listen to the first lady's answers," Clinton

"I've said before and I'll say again, if everybody in this country had the character that my wife has, we'd be a better

Safire's column led off with this remark: "Americans of all political persuasions are coming to the sad realization that our model for many in her generation - is a congenital liar."

Prison escapee caught after dialing 911 SAN FRANCISCO (Reuter) - A prisoner who escaped from a Californian jail was caught by police after he dialed

emergency number 911 by mistake, officials said on Tuesday. Tonga national Malin Mafua, 27, escaped from the San Mateo County prison last Friday but was caught one day later when he dialed 911 instead of 411 for directory assistance from

A call to 911 alerts police to an emergency. Officers responding to the call knew something was awry when they saw Mafua wearing a shirt that read "Property of the San Mateo County Jail."

# Dig it out, haul it away: Life creeps back to normal after big snow

NEW YORK (AP) - With much of the snow pushed to the side and the white beauty turned into a towering mess, Easterners were emerging from their hibernation and struggling to get back to life as it was before the Blizzard of '96.

"I've been cooped up too long with my husband and I needed to see somebody else's face," said Billie Maven, who was finally able to get out of the house and drive to a video store in Stafford, But for a region that had been paralyzed

and dumped up to 3 feet (0.9 meters) of snow, the respite may be brief.

Light snow fell overnight in New York, Massachusetts and Maryland, and forecasters said more snow could arrive this weekend, but it was too soon to predict

Most airports along the East Coast reopened Tuesday, freeing travelers who had waited days for runways to be cleared of plowed snowdrifts as high as 20 feet (6.1 Perhaps no wait was as long as that of

United Flight 801, bound for Tokyo out of

New York's Kennedy Amport. It pulled out of the terminal Tuesday and spent the next 71/2 hours either taxing on the runway or stuck in a snowbank - its 264 passengers aboard the whole time. "We're close to rioting," said Tanya

Clark, a passenger who called The Associated Press from a phone on the plane at the height of the ordeal. She said the captain had threatened to have unruly passengers

Many commuter train lines resumed full service yesterday morning. The Amtrak passenger train service said it would resume normal weekday schedules yesterday along its busy Northeast corridor between Richmond, Virginia, and Boston.

Schools from Georgia to New Hampshire were closed Monday and Tuesday. Pupils in Philadelphia had another snow day yesterday, but New York City's 900,000 school kids were due back after the first snow days since 1978.

In Washington, federal workers were first told to report to work yesterday, then told to stay home for a third day after several inches of new snow fell on

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## Polish investigators to probe '46 Kielce pogrom

vestigators are completing a new probe into the origins of the 1946 pogrom in which 42 Jews were nundered in the southern city of Kielce, PAP news agency report-After the Kielce massacre,

100,000 Jews, about half of the survivors from a population of

DREAMS

WARSAW (Reuter) - Polish in- around three million before the Holocaust, quit the country.

"Materials concerning the possible instigators of these events, as a result of which 42-people of lewish nationality were murdered, will be passed to the regional prosecutor in Kielce." PAP reported Zbigniew Mielecki, of the Main Commission for Investigating Crimes against the Polish Nation, as saying.

Mielecki, a prosecutor with the

commission, gave no details, saying the investigation was confidential.

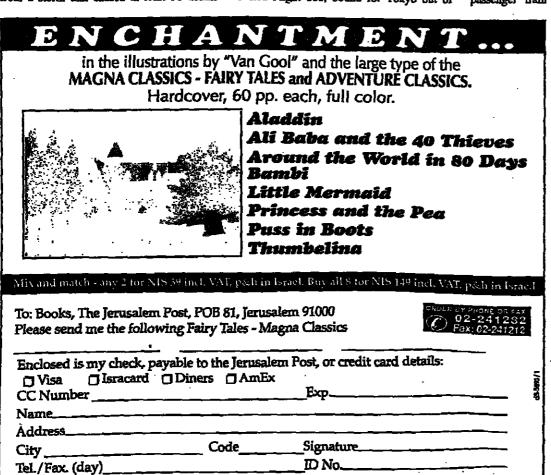
But PAP, citing unofficial information, said that archives of the former communist UB security services, opened up last year, had yielded documents suggesting that the attacks had been stirred up deliberately.

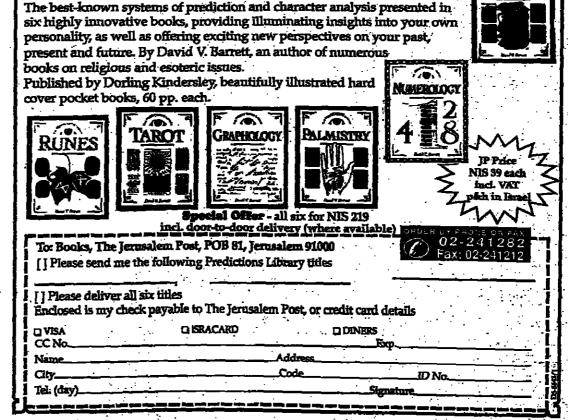
The Kielce pogrom on July 4, 1946, was the worst in a series of post-World War II attacks in Poland against Jewish survivors of the Holocaust.

A crowd inflamed by rumors that Jews were abducting Christian children for ritual purposes attacked a building housing a Jewish committee and shot, stoned or beat to death almost all those inside as well as some other Kielce Jews.

Two of the dead were children, four were teenagers on their way to Palestine, and three were Polish officers.

The Polish communist authorities of the time tried 12 suspects and hastily executed nine, finding suspicions that the real instigators remained unknown





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# High heels have been booted out of style

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THE dainty, ultra-feminine shoe with the finely chis-eled heel and the almondshaped toe, while not exactly obsolete, has been placed on hold for an indefinite period.

Flat or low-heeled ankle boots have taken over - even for evening wear. Incongruous though it may be to see ankle boots with lace or tulle skirts, this indeed is the trend.

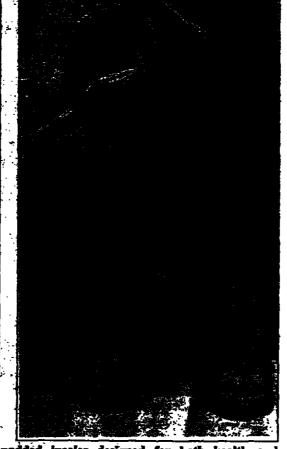
While most boots look fairly sturdy, the joy is that few are heavy. In fact, some are so light that they are almost weightless. This also applies to those with crepe rubber soles.

Repairing locally made boots is not a problem. If worst comes to worst, one can always go to the manufacturer. But imported boots are a different story. During last winter's sales, I bought a pair of mid-calf tooled leather boots which had been made in Spain. They were comfortable and flattering, but when the heels started to go, I discovered that Icould not get them mended prop-

I'm strongly tempted to replace them with a pair of Caligula's stitched zip-fronted Softy boots, which, based on an informai survey, seem to be replacing sneakers. This is not surprising. At NIS 159, they are in a similar price range, but just a little more fashionable, and a pleasant departure from a fake sporty image.



Teva Naot boots (left and below) feature padded insoles designed for both health and



comfort, while Calignia's stitched zip-fronted Softy boots seem to be replacing sneakers.



# Making waves in the kitchen

THEN S.P. was fright-ened into paying NIS 95 to have her microwave oven tested for radiation leakage, ber husband hit the ceiling.

"Any reputable repair shop would have performed this service for free!" he grumbled, while watching a "character in a reuted car" pull up to their home, point a detector at the appliance, declare it safe, and collect the

As the technician from the Microtest company wrote out a reccipt for the seemingly exorbitant sum, he informed the couple that they would be eligible to enter a lottery, to win a weekend for two at a five-star hotel - on condition that they provide him with the names of seven other microwave-

S.P.'s husband phoned Microtest to complain about being charged for a service available elsewhere for free. He was told that no responsible tester would encourage transporting such an appliance to a shop, as jiggling it could cause the door to get out of whack, which in turn could lead to leakage. He wasn't convinced.

Cheer up, S.P. and spouse: In spite of its aggressive marketing strategy, Microtest is one of a number of companies licensed by the Environment Ministry's Radiation Safety Department (RSD). The department's coordinator of radiation measurements, Dr. Stella Diamant, wants the public to be informed about ministry policy where microwave ovens are concerned.

"There is much ignorance about the safety of these appliances, as well as confusion about the reliability of the instruments available for measuring leakage," she said.
She urges microwave owners

not to panic if they haven't had their oven tested: "Under normal conditions, if an oven hasn't been CAVEAT EMPTOR! RUTHE BLUM

dropped, abused by incorrect use, or shaken by a move, there is no reason to suspect leakage."

However, she strongly advises against "transporting" the appli-ance unnecessarily. The balance of weight in these ovens is uneven; carrying them clumsily can cause the door to fling open in such a way as to damage the tight seal or hinge. This is why we recommend that testing be done in the home."

So the boast of the saleswoman who phoned S.P. - "The advantage of using our company is that we come to your home" was empty: Where is the "advantage" if moving the oven runs contrary to ministry recommen-

This, and the same saleswoman's claim that checking for microwave leakage is "required" by the Environment Ministry, elicited a sigh from Diamant. "We highly disapprove of such tactics. Our office wants the public to be safe, not cajoled, bullied, or frightened into purchasing peace

So why does the Standards Institute (Machon Hatekanim) offer microwave leakage testing free of charge in Tel Aviv every Thursday (by appointment), for anyone who brings his oven to the office? Diamant explained that her own department is far more stringent than the Standards Institute, with regard to both transporting the ovens and

to calibration. While the Standards Institute considers leakage of above 5 milliwatts per sq.cm. to be excessive. the RSD sets the limit at 1 milli-

watt per sq.cm. To become licensed by the RSD, a technician must undergo

special training at the Center for Nuclear Research at Nahal Sorek, where the equipment used for calibrating leakage must also undergo examination. Annual renewal of licenses is granted only to those who meet certain requirements, and have their equipment recalibrated. To obtain an updated list of licensed testers, contact: The Radiation Safety Department, the Ministry of the Environment, Tel Aviv University School of Medicine, Tel Aviv 69978; Tel. (03) 641-4807 (ask for the secretary); Fax (03)642-9882.

Diamant suggests that you check the ID number of any microwave tester selected from this list, before he examines your oven. If the number does not match that of the license, send him packing, and inform the RSD. "Sometimes someone certified by us hires employees who are not." she said, adding that this is a violation of the

Working my way down the RSD list, I phoned several companies to compare prices. Though the Ra'anana-based Microtest was among the most expensive (others charge between NIS 69 and NIS 90 per test), its fee at least includes insurance for a year after testing.

If, during this period, you have cause to suspect leakage, Microtest will perform subsequent tests for free. In addition, the compamy services the whole country, while others tend to pay more local calls.

Testing microwaves for radiation leakage is a commercial service in a competitive market. Don't let sales reps mislead you into thinking otherwise.

You are invited to ask questions or offer personal stories about oods and services in this country. Write to: Ruthie Blum, POB 81

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NSTEAD of scenes of local tourist attractions, Geneva's Lairport decor almost exclusively pays bomage to the Swiss

watch industry.
With one exception, all of Geneva's venerable companies have been ticking away for at least a century. The exception, Raymond Weil, is celebrating its 20th anniversary.

Weil started up when Switzerland's mechanical watch industry was winding down in the face of Japan's electronic, quartz watches. To create a new mechanical watch company during an industrial recession was either a foolhardy act or a stroke of genius. In Weil's case, it appears to have been the latter.

His company, which hovers somewhere between the top five and the top 10 Swiss watch manufacturers, is one of the very few privately owned companies in the industry and the last in its league in Jewish hands.

Up to 40 years ago, Weil told a visiting group of Israeli journalists, "approximately 40 percent of the Swiss watch industry - including prestigious companies such as Juvenia, Cyma, Zenith and Ebel - was run by Jews."

Most Jewish watchmakers were the descendants of skilled craftsmen from Alsace Lorraine who had fled their homes after the German invasion of 1871 and moved to La Chaux-de-Fonds, which is still the heart of the Swiss watchmaking industry

Unlike many of his competitors, Weil does not come from a long line of watchmakers. He was working as an insurance clerk when a friend, who did not want to enter his father's watchmaking firm, suggested that Weil enter it



Raymond Weil has been selling to the Arab world for years while not hiding the fact that he's Jewish and a Zionist.

in his stead. Weil quickly rose to a senior executive position. When his friend's father died, the firm was taken over by a second son who was continually at odds with Weil and the two parted company.

Together with Simone Bedat, who had been his assistant, Weil set up his own enterprise, initially producing private label watches. The company in which he had been previously employed soon went out of business and some of its best craftsmen set up cottage industries of their own. By working with them, Weil was able to save on labor costs and could thus produce a high quality watch at a much more affordable price than was being charged for leading

brands in the industry. Quality, design and variety combined with a payroll load of only 51 personnel, are the main secrets of his success, Weil says. Quality is so important to him that 25% of his labor force is employed solely in quality.

Today, his sales network spans close to 90 countries, including Japan. Only a few weeks ago, he opened a Raymond Weil outlet in Dubai. He has been selling to the Arab world for years, making no effort to hide the fact that he is

Jewish and a proud Zionist. In Israel, he is represented by Padani, which also imports the watches of his main competitors.' But Raymond Weil, Padam marketing manager Hili Zadok says. produces more models than any other firm I know of."

The company has 2,000 different models, though not all are available here. One model. called Tango, though remarkably similar to Rolex, sells for only \$600, whereas Rolex watches sell for several thousand dollars.

#### 'Little Emperors' can even be normal welter of negative adjec-Although a recent study highlights tives: spoiled, self-centhe emergence of a well-adjusted,

tered, lonely, maladjusted. Ma-ma's Boy. The Bad Seed. In China, which adopted an official policy in 1979 that limits families to only one child as a population-control measure, there is a special name for them:

Little Emperors." It's not just popular culture that has taken a dim view of only children: For generations psychiatrists and psychologists have warned of the grave emotional risks that spring from being an only child.

So it may come as a surprise that the negative image of only children – whose ranks include Albert Einstein, Franklin Roosevelt, Leonardo da Vinci, French philosopher Jean Paul Sartre, former Surgeon General C. Everett Koop and Chelsea Clinton is belied by hundreds of psychological studies.

Developmental psychologists have found that only children are not the pampered pests nor the narcissistic misfits of popular myth. In many ways they are remarkably like children raised with siblings. In other respects they are different, particularly when compared with children from large families.

University of Texas psychologist Toni Falbo has analyzed 500 studies involving only children published since the turn of the

Falbo, who has studied only children since 1972, concludes they are similar to their peers in areas such as maturity, generosity, emotional stability and popularity. In certain respects, Falbo notes, only children stand out: Studies have found they are better educated, more intelligent and more motivated to achieve

than their peers with siblings. Psychologist B.G. Rosenberg at the University of California at normal type of only child, the stigma surrounding it has changed very little

Berkeley recently analyzed data from several long-term studies of only children and found three types: The first was "normal. well-adjusted," the second was the only child of popular stereotype who was "impulsive, acting out" and the last was dubbed "first bornish" – dependable, fasand the experiences of only chiltidious and "over-controlled."

"One of the less expected and more fascinating outcomes of this research was the emergence of the well-adjusted, normal type of child," Rosenberg wrote in a 1993 article in the Journal of Genetic Psychology.

"Unmarked by some of the dysfunctional qualities of the acting-out, impulsive type and less burdened by the over-controlled guilt-prone qualities of first-bornish types, this third type sug-gests exciting research possibilities. What are the socialization practices ... associated with such a desirable adjustment? What are the parents like? Is the temperamental equanimity of this type biologically based?"

Such questions will likely loom larger in the next decade, because the ranks of only children are rising dramatically. In 1980, 9.6 percent of women between the ages of 40 and 44, the end of the childbearing years, reported they had one child, according to US Census Bureau statistics. By 1990 that number had nearly doubled to 17%, a figure that demographers expect will continue to

Nevertheless, the stigma surrounding only children has changed little. Following is an examination of several popular beliefs about only children, compared with the results of psychological studies, the clinical observations of child psychiatrists

dren and their parents. Many, but not all. of the studies involve only children living in two-parent households; these results may not be applicable to only children in single-parent families, whose lives are shaped by different factors.

 Only children are spoiled because they receive all their parents' attention.

This may be the most common view of all, Falbo notes, but the notion that only children are more self-centered than others, or that excessive parental attention makes them that way, is not supported by empirical

It is true, Falbo and other researchers acknowledge, that only children receive their parents' singular attention, as do first children, whom studies have repeatedly found they most

resemble. But unlike firstborns, they are never "dethroned," in the parlance of psychology. Some studies have found that only children tend to have closer and more affectionate relationships with their parents than firstborns or subsequent children.

Only children are high

Studies have repeatedly found that only children, like first children, are disproportionately high

Psychologists consistently have found a correlation between IQ scores and family size: Children from one- and two-child families score higher than those raised in

larger families. Other studies have found that only children as a group are better educated, in part because parents can devote their resources to a single child and because parental expectations tend to be highest for the first child.

 Only children don't like being only children.

Only children appear to be no more likely to yearn for siblings than children with siblings are to wish they were only children. In these cases the children's wishes have been found to correspond with those of their mothers.

• Only children are anti-social. Researchers have consistently found that while only children spend more time alone, they are not less popular than people who have siblings. They are, however, less "affiliative" than middle or youngest children.

Only children are not as likely to participate in certain group activities such as team sports, and many seem to prefer solitary pursuits such as reading, writing or stamp collecting.

Some researchers speculate that because only children tend to receive relatively large amounts of attention and affection, they are not motivated to seek approval elsewhere.

None of which means, psychiatrists say, that an only child is destined to be a loner. "If parents want to have one child, that's what they should do," Gault said. "These issues can certainly be dealt with by fine, normal parenting."

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# A king's visit

like, Israelis look at King Hussein's Jordan. His visit to Tel Aviv yesterday gave encouragement and hope not only to the citizens of this country, but to all seekers of true and lasting peace.

There can be no better measure of normalization than the king's decision to just "drop in" on a neighbor. He wanted to treat former negotiators Elyakim Rubinstein and Fayez Tarawneh with his presence at their award ceremony at Beit Gavriel, inaugurate a hospital wing in Tel Aviv named after Yitzhak Rabin. visit Jordanian soldiers hospitalized there, and participate in a press briefing with Prime Minister Shimon Peres. And he wanted to do all this with a minimum of pomp and fuss.

True, the security requirements and the novelty of the visit made it far more elaborate than he had intended. But there was almost a feeling that the event resembled a visit by a European head of state to a neighboring country.

Israelis could not help compare such relaxed normality with Egypt's superciliousness and the PLO's hostility. Clearly, if there is to be peace between Israel and its neighbors, Arab leaders will have to emulate Hussein.

Not that Jordan is a Belgium to Israel's

Now what Arab-Israeli peace can be Holland. There are still powerful Islamic fundamentalist forces in Jordan whose goal is Israel's destruction. There are Jordanians who never miss a chance to express hatred for Israel, refuse to touch Israeli goods, or talk to Israeli tourists. Some leaders of terrorist groups live on Jordanian soil; and the professional associations have expelled members who establish contacts with

> Nor is Jordan the kind of democracy Israel wishes to see across the border - the king is still an almost absolute ruler, and freedoms are limited. But Hussein has made significant strides - not only in adopting some of the trappings of democracy, but in establishing democratic institutions and norms - and, with Queen Noor, in introducing Western culture and thought to the kingdom.

> Above all; Hussein is different from other Arab rulers in that he does not cater to the lowest popular denominator, nor does he try to preempt extremists with irresponsible rhetoric. Like a true leader, he leads, he initiates, and he guides. And by setting the tone and pace of the Israel-Jordan peace process he makes Israel's fervent hope that the Jordanian people will become a true peace partner seem eminently

### The Weissman case

THOSE who do not follow crime news may be unfamiliar with Miriam Weissman. She is a 76-year-old woman who a year ago was charged with strangling her 33year-old daughter to death. Initially, her husband Michael was arrested and indicted with her. But five months ago, after spending seven months in jail, he was released for lack of evidence. On Monday, exactly a year after she was arrested, while still awaiting the District Court verdict in the case, she was ordered freed on bail by Supreme Court Justice Dalia Dorner.

Every country has to accept the possibility that occasional miscarriages of justice will occur. Prosecuting attorneys, defense lawyers, judges, the police, medical examiners and witnesses are all fallible. In fact, one of the more persuasive arguments against the death penalty is that it makes judicial errors irreversible.

But the trouble with the Weissman trial is not just that it is a case in which the evidence against the accused is laughable and the evidence pointing to the victim's suicide highly persuasive. What must make all Israelis take a hard look at the case is neither its juridical aspect, nor the question of Weissman's guilt or innocence, but two glaring abuses that are fundamental to the system.

The first is the brutal police interrogation of an elderly couple whose daughter had just been found dead in her bed. The very fact that the police immediately determined that the couple was guilty of murder is puzzling enough. But their contempt for the presumption of innocence, and their need to justify their initial assumption of guilt by every available means,

are worrisome indeed. Police videotapes show that the two suspects were questioned for whole nights by abusive interrogators. They were allowed to attend their daughter's funeral only chained and handcuffed. And according to their lawyer's claim in court, they were beaten when the frustrated police failed to get a confession. What seemed to annoy the police in particular was that they did not break even after spending six months in

the dreadful conditions of the Abu Kabir

Even more disturbing is that at no time did the courts see fit to grant bail to two frail persons in their seventies, and that a woman who is by law innocent until proven guilty has had to spend a year incarcerated in conditions which younger and stronger persons have found intolerable.

At first glance, the law is on the side of the courts. Murder suspects must be remanded if there is prima facie evidence against them. That is why Weissman's appeal against her remand was rejected by the Supreme Court, which found that there was enough evidence to meet the law's requirements. That she was finally granted bail was only because the law requires that no one be remanded for more than a year unless a special extension is granted.

Clearly, there is something fundamentally wrong with a system which cannot conclude a relatively simple murder trial in a year. But a far worse shortcoming is the law's inability to distinguish between the eligibility for bail of an elderly woman suspected of suffocating her daughter with a pillow and that of dangerous killers, assassins, rapists and drug dealers.

In a free society there should be only two legitimate reasons to refuse bail: the fear that the suspect may harm others, and that he or she may flee the court's jurisdiction. Miriam Weissman certainly could not have harmed anyone, and once her passport was taken away, she could not flee the country. That her husband had to waste seven months in prison for nothing, and that she had to waste a year without being convicted is utterly unsupportable.

If the Weissman case does nothing else, it should convince the Knesset that it is time to consider legislation which will mandate bail whenever the proper conditions are met. The police will always prefer to have suspects in custody. It makes their job seem easier. But a society which respects the wishes of the police rather than the elementary rights of its citizens cannot call itself free.

# YOU MEAN JERUSALEM GOES THROUGH THIS JWICE A MONTH

# Peres the astronaut

Solown away during the past week.

**OPINION** 

The first myth was shattered when the "invincible" Yihye Ayyash met with retribution on the lines of "They who live by the sword shall die by the sword.7

The second myth is that Arafat will curb terrorism against Jews; that he will be the savior of Israelis.

It was widely known in Israeli intelligence circles that Ayyash was living openly in Gaza, under the protection of Arafat's special police force. Arafat was lying through his teeth when he claimed that he had no idea where Ayyash was hiding. Ayyash was in frequent contact with the agents of Jibril Rajoub, Arafat's security chief in Jericho.

According to our intelligence sources, Rajoub and Arafat were planning to give Ayyash the green light to launch a fresh terror campaign with his suicide bombers soon after H-day; H standing for Hebron,

Arafat and Hamas agreed that there would be no more terror attacks until Arafat had squeezed every last concession out of the Israeli government. Hebron would be the last bastion of Israeli sovereignty to fall.

After that Hamas could do as it pleased. The suicide bombers parading in Gaza in their white martvr shrouds would be strapped to the bombs that Ayyash and his apprentices have been assembling with great industry in Gaza, and let loose.

One of many such abominable engines of destruction already in place was found earlier this week. Abed Belbaysi, organizer of the Beit Lid bombing, had tucked it away "for further use."

Rabin had declared that the Palestinian problem was at the heart of the obstacle to peace. In return for such a peace, the security and safety of all citizens of Israel would be assured.

Peres himself promised at the time of the Oslo accords that Israelis would enjoy 100 terror-free vears. But since then some 160 Israelis have died at the hands of Arab terrorists. Another myth has failed to withstand the test of time.

THE SIGNS are that Peres is ready to surrender virtually the en-

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tire Golan Heights to Syria - a betrayal of past Labor promises. Firstly there is the fact that Uri Savir and Yoel Singer are the men

leading the talks with Syria in Maryland. Then follows the claim by Dennis Ross that the "six days there were more productive than the last four years of talks." Most ominous of all: the news from Damascus that "Assad hails the atmosphere of Maryland."

Maryland has also detonated the myth that Peres would follow faithfully in Rabin's footsteps. Ra-

The premier has launched himself into intensive negotiations with the Syrians, abandoning the caution of Rabin

bin had put negotiations with Syria on a back burner. Why? Because, as he himself admitted, "mistakes" had been made by the negotiators of the Oslo accords.

There were simply no foolproof security measures taken by Savir at Oslo - as the bloodstained facts. have made so tragically clear. Peres has launched himself like

an astronaut into intensive negotiations with the Syrians. Suddenly Damascus is at the heart of the peace process.

Savir made it clear why Assad is all smiles in Damasons, Assad feels he is going to get everything he wants. And Savir appears to be as indifferent to security vis-à-vis Syria as he was vis-à-vis Arafat. He said so himself: "Core areas of disagreement such as security, water and border areas were not discussed. They await experts on both sides."

So what were they chatting about in Maryland so amiably, as Israelis were led to believe? What can be more important than "security, water and border areas?" . Dennis Ross is a skilled diplomat. His optimism must have been

For a start, there was the leaked news item that vast balloons might be flown over the Golan Heights. They would house early-warning electronic devices to detect warlike preparations in Syria. There was no need for Rabin's insistence on Israeli ground stations.

In World War I, the French sent up balloons to warn about the next German attack. The Germans simply shot them down with primitive machine guns. Assad's rockets would do the job.

All the evidence points to a sellout being imposed on the Israeli public. The Syrians are insisting that all 33 Golan settlements be evacuated. They insist that the future border be the shores of the Kinneret.

Rabin would have none of this. As a military man, he knew that such a withdrawal would imperil the country's future. That was why there had been no progress with Assad since 1992.

Rabin refused to use the Americans as mediators in talks with Syrin. He knew that they would pressure Israel to accept the unacceptable. Peres has changed that vital policy too. Warren Christopher is now the mediator.

Information has reached us that Christopher will produce a compromise during this week's visit to the Middle East.

Our information suggests that he will draw a neat line between the June 4, 1967 border, and the international border of 1948, giving the Syrians almost everything they've wanted from the beginning. The danger Rabin, Israeli and US military experts warned about will no longer be a threat. It will be a reality.

Peres-Savir-Singer will soothe Israelis' concerns with the news that they can now load their suitcases into their cars, and drive off to Damascus for a little humous before setting off for Hungary, Austria, Germany, and Poland.

They will be able to reverse the emigration of their parents and grandparents from Europe and return, in their Volvos, to exile.

The writers are authors of The Mossad: Secrets of the Israeli Secret Service and other books on

"It's difficult to describe" the

feeling of seeing family for the

first time, Sternberg said. "I want

# Put your best foot forward

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live near the center of lenusalem and used to revel in the fact that I could walk almost anywhere in the city.

Nowadays I am reluctant to go out, especially in the afternoons, because of the danger and unpleasantness moving around on foot entails.

As road users, pedestrians find themselves at the very bottom of

the priority ladder. Crossing roads can be a very frightening experience. Where there are no traffic lights, drivers usually ignore crosswalks. At major intersections, vehicles often pull up over the crosswalk. forcing pedestrians into the lane of oncoming traffic.

In traffic jams, lines of vehicles move along in fits and starts, but disregard pedestrian crossings, blocking the way of anyone wish-

ing to cross. I had a particularly unnerving experience recently waiting on an island in the middle of a main

The traffic lights changed three times in my favor, but each time an extra-long bus was on the crosswalk in front of me, mean-

#### Take a stroll with me.... On second thought, don't

ing that I couldn't see, or be seen by, the other two lines of traffic.

Sidewalks are often more dangerous than roads. Many motorcyclists ignore red lights altogether and mount the sidewalk instead of waiting to turn the corner legally. Pedestrians, especially the elderly, go in terror of

I heard one motorcycle owner say that the sidewalk was the only place he could park. And, of course, cars are parked higgledypiggledy all over.

Streets like King George and King David often have little space left on the sidewalk. At night, many sidewalks are so cluttered that it is quite impossible to walk on them. Mothers with strollers are actually forced down into the road, with all there.

Several times last summer I saw a car parked for very long periods on a very narrow part of King George Street, imperiling drivers as well as walkers.

Road repairs are carried out with no thought for pedestrians. Sidewalks are left for long periods with holes in them, and no indication of the fact to passersby. This becomes really dangerous at night.

Recently I saw a small piece of work started in a main coad which had apparently been temporarily halted. Where did the workmen dump the excavated material? On the sidewalk - where else?

One evening, as it was getting dark, I was walking along a residential street. Suddenly, I saw a bright light: A motorcyclist (going the wrong way along a oneway street) was coming toward me on the sidewalk - and actually waiting for me to get out of the

Next morning, I was walking along another street when a polite voice from behind asked to be allowed to pass. This turned out to be a bicyclist also going the wrong way along a one-way

LIFE could be made safer for pedestrians and other road users. How about a major campaign to teach pedestrians as well as drivers the proper use of crosswalks?

More people should be employed to check for illegal parkmg. They would be fund-raisers for the municipality. It is clear that drivers know that lunchtime and after 4 p.m. are the best times to avoid the inspectors. Road-safety lessons in schools

should be aimed not only at younger children, but also at those near the age at which they can get their driving license.

The police should play their part, and not leave all traffic offenses to the traffic police. Stiffer # penalties should be imposed for violations. Workmen repairing roads and sidewalks should be made responsible for providing and indicating safe passage when the sidewalk is dug up.

Care to walk through Jerusalem with me? On second thought, better not.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR :

#### WRONG CANDIDATE ed himself as a political leader by leading his party "DA" to disunity

Sir, - As far as we know, the party leaders of the Likud have decided to give preference to Mr. Yuly Koshar-ovsky over all possible candidates from the former Soviet Union. We. supporters of the national camp who are deeply concerned about its success in the election and interested in a real representation of newcomers in the Knesset, consider Kosharovsky's nomination a great mistake.

During the last election he was the leader of the "DA" party. He conducted an active anti-Likud propaganda campaign in the sphere of absorption as well as economy and politics. Using all means for discrediting the Likud, Kosharovsky led away many potential votes of newcomers. We know all too well what price Israel has paid for it.

would be no school not because the

teachers were striking nor because

the Gulf War had started once again.

The reason this time was that now

we have "peace" and since we have

"peace," the children of Dolev can

no longer go to their school in Beit

El via Ramaliah. Since the only way

they can arrive at their classes, nor-

mally a 20-minute drive from their

homes, is to travel for over an hour

and a half, all the schools in the area

were closed as an expression of

Yuly Kosharovsky has discredit-NO SCHOOL

Sir, - On December 28, my children awoke to the news that there

Try explaining to a six-year-old why "peace" means he can no longer ride on roads he has always traveled, while you are at it, perhaps you can explain why "peace" means it is okay to burn Israeli flags in Nablus and stone Israeli soldiers in Ramallah. At the same time, please explain why, if we have "peace," rocks and firebombs are still being thrown at Israelis.

and complete failure in the election.

Russia after 1992 do not know Ko-

sharovsky's name and would obvi-

ously prefer to vote for people who

really defend their interests, and not

for those who talk about it only

before the election. Even now, sharp

criticism against Kosharovsky has

appeared in the Russian-language

papers. The ill-conceived decision

of the party leaders and the non-

democratic methods used by them to

'push Kosharovsky through' will

RABBI YOSEF MENDELEVICH.

PROF. BENJAMIN FINE,

and 12 other signatories

DINA BEILIN.

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do much harm to the Likud.

Those who came to Israel from

ELLEN KATZ SILVERS

SUNDAY SUPPLEMENT Sir. - I can't let 1995 end without

telling you that your American Outlook supplement is one big bore. As I look it over, I have only one comment to make: "Why?" Nearly all the articles deal with

the day-to-day nitty-gritty of American politics, in which we are not involved. (We Israelis have enough trouble understanding our own...) The cartoons are (to me) incomprehensible, the comic strips (Peanuits and Feiffer excepted) neither

comic nor interesting. I admit to doing the crossword puzzle, to which I am addicted, but it is nowhere near the level of The New York Times puzzle.

Perhaps American readers who live in the US find all this material meaningful. I do not

HASSIA BEN-HARARI Tel Aviv.

WRONG YESHIVA

Sir, - In a news report of December 25, you mentioned an article written by Rabbi Aharon Lichtenstein and referred to him as the head of Yeshivat Or Etzion. In fact he is the Rosh Yeshiva of Yeshivat Har Etzion. Yeshivat Or Etzion is headed by Rabbi Haim Druckman, who is of a very different political bent than Rabbi Lichtenstein.

DAVID CURWIN

Newton, Mass.

#### POSTSCRIPTS

A PRAGUE physicist claims he is the son of Albert Einstein, but was switched at birth and was raised by a woman whose infant died the day he was born.

"I may not be able to prove it, but I know I am his son," Ludek Zakel, 63, said. "I cannot profit from being Einstein's son, I cannot reverse the course of my life or change it in any way. So why would I lie?"

Zakel said in 1972 Einstein's step-daughter sent a friend to tell him that his real mother was Einstein's second wife, Elsa, and that he was raised by a woman whose child died the day he was born.

To back up his tale, Zakel, who bears a resemblance to Einstein, said he possesses written statements from two nurses who have been dead for years, the vow of a possible half sister, and the signed statement of 93-year-old Eva Zakel

Mrs. Zakel gave birth to a child April 14, 1932 - a child she said died and was switched with the son of 50-year-old Elsa Einstein. Mrs. Einstein had gone to Prague because she thought she had a tumor but really was pregnant.

it was assumed Einstein and his second wife had a relatively platonic relationship.

Hospital logs never showed any indication that Mrs. Einstein had been a patient there. But as a Jewish foreigner, her presence may not have been recorded.

Zakel's former wife said that "Ludek is a very strange man. I do think he is honest, though. He isn't capable of such elaborate forgery or plotting."

WHAT DOES a blind Jewish grandmother most want to see? "I want to see my grandchildren and my greatgranddaughter!"

That was Menua Sternberg's first request after her sight was restored recently. The 83-year-old immigrant

from Ukraine arrived in the spring and settled in Haifa with her daughter and two grandchildren. She lost her sight nine years ago due to cataracts, but doctors in Ukraine refused to operate on her, citing her advanced age and a stroke she had suffered.

But after examining her at Haifa's Rambam Hospital, Prof. Benny Miller decided she was a candidate for surgery and operated on both eyes.

to thank the doctors and the State of Israel, that returned to me a good life." THE TOSCA jinx worked overtime during the summer in Ma-

Cavaradossi. In the final act, when Mario should have expired dramatically in front of the firing squad, the tenor plonked unromantically to the floor clutching a bloody foot. One of the period muskets had been packed too tightly, shooting

cerata where tenor Fabio Armi-

liato was playing the liero, Mario

a wad of material out fast enough to cause superficial damage. The leading lady yelled 'Is there a doctor in the house?" then swooned, Armiliato's wife collapsed in the stalls and the local annoter who had supplied the guns went into shock.

Back on his feet again a week later, geared for a more troublefree execution, Armiliato was hurrying from dressing room to stage when he tripped and broke

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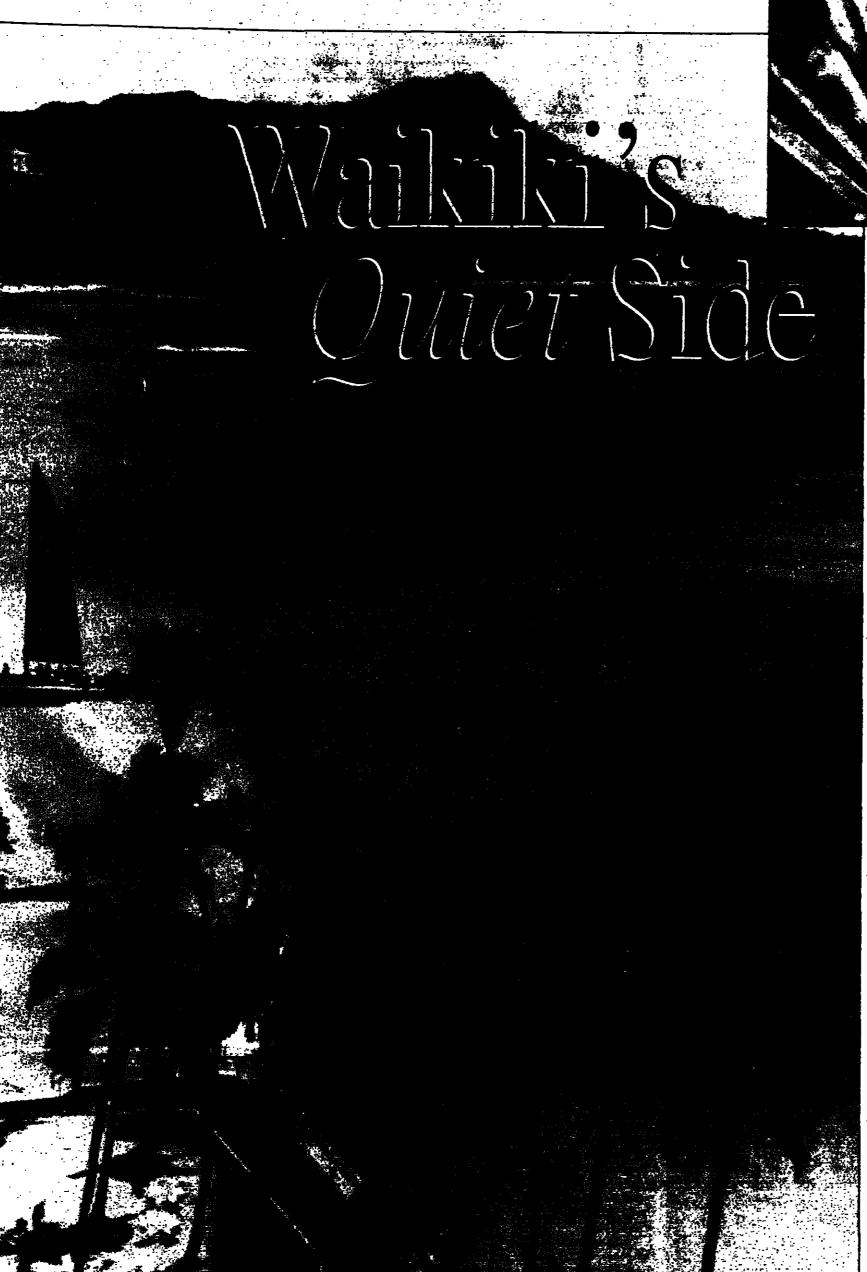
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THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 1996



Above: A catamaran boards passengers for a sailing trip. The familiar shape of Diamond Head is in the background.

By Stanton H. Patty

Photo by Chelle Koster-Walton

onolulu-Guests were kneeling on straw mats in the Japanese tea room. The hostess, wrapped in a rose kimono, bowed with slow-motion grace.

Outside, just beyond the shoji screen that framed the room, splashes of sunshine gilded a gravel path and a simple stone lamp.

The setting could have been a garden in Kyoto, Japan's ancient capital. But this is Waikiki-right in the heart of Honolulu's fun-in-the-sun zone, just a

block from Kalakana Avenue, Waikiki's main drag. The tea house is just one stop on a do-it-yourself circuit that reveals the quiet side

of Waikiki. There are surprises along the way. Leave your traveler's checks behind. There is no charge for this tour....

The tea ceremonies are presented Wednesdays and Fridays at the Urasenke Foundation of Hawaii, 245 Saratoga Road.

The Kyoto-based foundation is carrying on a tradition dating to the 16th century. "We want people to know more about Japanese culture," says Yoshibumi Ogawa, a Urasenke instructor. Ogawa also teaches history at the University of Hawaii's

It is an elegant and intricate ceremony, orchestrated by long-ago tea masters... A measured amount of powdered green tea is placed in a bowl. Hot water is ladled from a charcoal brazier. The tea is blended with a bamboo whisk. More blending, and

then the bowl is offered to the first guest. The ceremony is repeated, step by step, until all have been served. "It appears as though nothing extraordinary has happened," Ogawa says. "But

guests have shared an experience, a oneness."

Travelers are told that the rimal is based on four principles: harmony, respect, tranquility and parity.

"Waikiki may not be a great place to find purity," Ogawa says with a smile. "But here, at least, is tranquility."

There is another haven of calm about four blocks to the east, on the second floor of the Hyatt Regency Waikiki. It is the personal museum of Malia Solomon, Waikiki's "Aunty Malia."

Here is Mrs. Solomon's collection of Hawaiian quilts, tapa (bark cloth) and Polynesian artifacts gathered during a busy lifetime. She calls it her "sharing place."

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Photo by Stanton H. Patry

# **FYI Travel**

SCANDINAVIAN WEEKENDS A quick weekend wintertime jaunt to

Scandinavia might be just the thing you need. SAS Viking Vacations and The Kemwel Group are offering special two-night weekend packages priced from \$439 per person, including round-trip air fare from New York or Chicago, accommodations and daily breakfast.

The package is available through March 14, 1996, and takes vacationers to Copenhagen, Denmark; Stockholm, Sweden; or Oslo, Norway.

Kemwel's other winter getaways include fly/drive programs to Europe's capitals and skiing holidays. In the spring, Kemwel will offer special discounts on barge cruises on the canals of England and France.

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LEARN SOMETHING Crow Canyon Archaeological Center in Cortez, Colorado, is a not-for-profit archaeological research and educational organization.

In addition to programs for educators and families, the center offers a series of weeklong "Cultural Explorations" throughout the year. Priced from \$995 per person, these programs cover a variety of topics, from Native American cuisine, pottery workshops, women's studies, astronomy, cultural studies, archaeological explorations, hiking trips and more.

Some Cultural Explorations are based at the center, others visit other destinations in the Southwest and Mexico. All are accompanied by scholars associated with Crow Canyon.

FYI: Crow Canyon Archaeological Center, 23390 Country Road K, Cortez, Colorado 81321; (800) 422-8975.

RED SEA CRUISES Fares for Royal Olympic Cruises' winter Red Sea Itineraries start at \$899 per person, and

departures are scheduled weekly through March

The seven-day round-trip Red Sea cruise aboard the Odysseus departs from Eliat, Israel, and calls at Sharm El Sheikh, Cairo and Luxor, Egypt, and Aqaba, Jordan. The seven-day Suez Canal cruises also include Greek ports of call. Passengers will visit historic sites in Egypt (the Sphinx, the Great Pyramids, the Valley of the Kings), snorkel in Israel and have an opportunity to scuba dive in the Red Sea.

Choose from cruise-only rates or air/land programs, such as the "Egyptian Odyssey," which includes round-trip air fare from New York, two nights at a deluxe hotel in Cairo (with a full-day sightseeing tour) and transfers to and from the ship for \$995 per person, double occupancy.

FYI: Royal Olympic Cruises, (001) 212/397-6400 or Sun Line Cruises Inc., 1 Rockefeller Plaza, Suite 315, New York, NY 10020.

TRAVEL TIDBITS

When it comes to seat preferences and other special requests from airlines, the gate agent can be a traveler's best friend. According to Frequent Flyer magazine, gate agents are empowered to:

Upgrade flyers free of charge to settle complaints or reward valued customers.

Offer youchers and free fares to volunteers who give up their seats on overbooked flights. Assign preferred seats or change seating assignments.

Wave fees for itinerary changes. It pays to be pleasant to these people because, as Frequent Flyer notes, "gate agents routinely make the kinds of decisions that affect both your comfort and your wallet." Moreover, "the current industry trend is to empower these workers even more."

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#### **Waikiki** From page 1

Visitors are invited to drop by and "talk story" with Aunty Malia.

The self-taught anthropologist is credited with restoring the long-lost art of tapa-making to Hawaii after roaming the South Pacific on her own to gather clues. In 1988, the Hawaii Legislature proclaimed Aunty Malia a "keeper of the aloha spirit." Aunty Malia says she could retire, but has no plans

to do so. "Why should I?" she asks. "I love every day. I

love everybody. Waikiki hotels and other businesses, concerned about the fading of aloha-style hospitality in recent years, are sponsoring several fresh cultural attractions

#### Travelers are told that the ritual is based on four principlès: harmony, respect, tranquility and purity.

Already drawing crowds is a new torchlighting ceremony in Kuhio Beach Park, close by several of Waikiki's luxury hotels. Starting time is dusk. On weekends there are hula programs to accompany the traditional lighting of the torches.

Again, no admission charge. "Yes, maybe we did lose some of the aloha spirit for awhile," says Aunty Malia. "Maybe people got too busy with themselves and forget that tourism is a busi-

ness of service. But things are getting better now." Aunty Malia also can tell you about her friend, the last Duke Kahanamoku. Duke, winner of Olympic gold medals for swimming in 1912 and 1920, grew up along Waikiki Beach, he was Waikiki's first beach boy, the "father" of the sport of surfing.

"He was the essence of humility," Aunty Malia says of the legendary athlete.

Duke's 16-foot-long, 114-pound Waikiki surfboard-a jumbo alongside today's lightweight models-is on display at Duke's Canoe Club, a restaurant in the Outrigger Waikiki Hotel.

"He was a great guy, man" says Dominic Galaza, one of todays' beach boys. "Hey, we all respect Duke



Photo by Stanton H. Patty

Jamko Mori presides at a traditional Japanese tea ceremony at the Urasenke Foundation of Hawaii.

and what he did."

There is a new statue of the Duke of Waikiki (1890-1968) on Kuhio Beach. Most days it is draped with floral leis placed by locals and visitors.

It's easy to lose the crowd in Waikiki. Just walk easterly along Kalakaua Avenuetoward the familiar shape of Diamond Head. Soon tall buildings and noisy streets are left behind.

Ahead is more of the "other" Waikiki, a quiet zone of uncrowded beaches and parks.

Just beyond the intersection of Kalakaua and Kapahulu avenues are Kapiolani Park and the Honolulu Zoo. Local families are spreading picnics

and dozing on the grass. Kites fly like falcons on a trade-wind preeze. Bird songs and surf sounds mute the blare of distant traffic.

There are recons stretches of sand across from the park; nothing like the scene down by the fancy hotels, where oiled and fast-tanning vacationers are anchored almost shoulder to shoulder on beach mars and towels.

A sign here reads: "Aloha. The beach is for passive enjoyment. Please, no foud music ."

Surf's up! Walk out on Queen's Suft pier at the foot of Kapaholu and watch youngsters eatch the waves. There are flashy victory rides, and there are tumbling crashes. Well, Duke started this

way, too. There's still time for a late-afternoon stroll with Glen Grant of Honolulu Time Walks.

Grant gathers travelers at the Duke Kahanamoku statue for waling tours that recall the time when Waikiki

was the playground of Hawaii's royalty. He spins tales of tragedy and bliss, of murders and

merriment, in old Waikiki. Once upon a time the descendants of the alii, the royal families, offered to donate the Waikiki area to the city for a park. No, says Grant, the city fathers responded this way: "We don't need another park."

And that's how most of Waikiki fell into the hands and of the rich and famous. But that's another story.

Stanton H. Patty, a Vancouver, Washington writer, is the retired assistant travel editor of The Seattle Times.

# DEPTH PERCEPTIONS UNDERWATER IN B

By Martin A. Bartels

In this world, the sounds are as alien as the sights. Slow, even breaths are magnified, calling to mind Limages of the Darth Vader character in "Star Wars." With each exhalation, a spill of bubbles rushes to the surface, a constant reminder of just how much water surrounds you.

Here, shadows take on an almost mystical significance; sea anemone and coral sway in a deceptively gentle underwater dance. Brain coral bears a distinctly alien appearance-fire coral can be deadly. Large rays float beneath your feet, moving like sentient waves. Strange disks dart through your peripheral vision-a school of grouper on an apparently random outing.

Long, submarine-shaped barracuda search for prey, demanding the respect of distance with an intimidating glint in their eye. An occasional shark patiently floats through his territory—as the lion is to the jungle, the shark is to this lush environment.

Sudden bursts of color dot the ethereal landscape; queen angelfish, yellow snapper, butterfly fish and fairy basslets are one of the most attractive aspects of scuba diving and snorkeling off the coast of Belize,

Central America.

Several islands offer excellent locales from which to base your expedition, Ambergris Caye (pronounced "key") is probably the most comfortable, though somewhat more populated that the other islands, such as Caye Caulker and Northern Caye.

The second largest coral reef in the world stretches for miles off the beaches of Ambergris Caye, protecting the shallow bay area which is filled with the warm turquoise that define the finest tropical destinations.

Diving here is an extreme challenge...It is, in effect, a vertical tunnel reaching 415 feet below the surface.

Along the reef, snorkeling is the most popular activity, with dives allowed in the Hol Chan Marine Reserve. Any of the local fisherman at the island's docks will take you to the Reserve at affordable prices. The waters inside the reef are virtually always calm, making the boat ride gentle even for the most

In daylight, the views are breathtaking. Colorful fish and coral transport you to a world outside any you've ever experienced.

A unique twist on diving and snorkeling, however, is night diving. The water remains warm throughout the year, so comfort is virtually never an issue. Enthusiasts hold waterproof flashlights as they drift through the vital atmosphere. Only what falls within the narrow beam of light is visible—the surrounding environment is pitch black.

On one night snorkeling trip, a school of small grouper surrounded me, almost as if I had been accepted into their fold. To be honest, it is somewhat disconcerting as the fish occasionally brush against you, or cautiously nip at your skin (it is painless), but then, as quickly as they appeared, they are gone, silently.

For the diving enthusiast, however, there are greater challenges and rewards well off the islands. The Blue Hole, situated about halfway between Half Moon Caye and Northern Caye (about two hours off the mainland coast), is a glimpse into prehistory, formed through the past 15,000 years.

Diving here is an extreme challenge. From the air, the Hole appears to be a perfect blue circle in the middle of the green waters of the Caribbean. It is, in

effect, a vertical tunnel reaching 415 feet below the surface. Mike Marsten, who sails to various ports of the world six months out of each year, returns

to the Blue Hole regularly. This

is his eighth visit. "It can be kind of hit and miss here, as far as wildlife," he said. "To see the stalagmite and stalactites formations, you have to dive to about 130 feet you have to decompress. Below about 60 feet, there's almost

never any sea life. "But it's an awesome experience. Where the Hole widens, about 40 feet down, the coral starts to hang over your head. You can watch your bubbles bounce through the wall to the

surface." Sharks and grouper are the most common fish here, though they are not always seen.

"Most people dive for the stalagmites," Marsten said. "They're huge. Twice as big around as a person, and at least twice as tall.

"Ready to fly low?" Flying low, a common diver expression, only partially



A cavernous view evokes a feeling of mystery.

describes the emotional, physical and psychological feel of an advanced open water dive. In the Blue Hole, these feelings are magnified, almost as if they rebound off the vertical cliffs and darkened waters. At about 90 feet, the temperature dips almost 10 degrees, adding a physical, as well as emotional, chill.

The beauty is entrancing. The views almost make one forget the survival needs---a very dangerous element of the experience. Even with advanced gear, an hour or so is all your body is capable of handling at these depths. Every piece of knowledge learned in diving courses is necessary in this environment.

Our slow rise to the surface was rewarded with the first major wildlife we witnessed. Several sharks floated above us, oblivious to our presence. On closer

inspection, too, small life forms clung to the wall of

From Ambergris Caye, dive expeditions are easily purchased for about \$125 U.S. (\$250 Belize-equivalent) dollars. Accommodations on the islands range from minimalist to indulgent, but expect always to move at the Belize pace typified by a sign on Caye Caulker, on which golf carts are the only form of motorized transportation:"Go Slow." And fly low.

Martin'A. Bartels is a syndicated freelance writer and water enthusiast who has traveled extensively throughout Belize and Central America.



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# Exploring Wildlife on the



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Galapagos Islands

Top: A Galapagos tortoise on Santa Cruz Island migrates wild and free through the Highlands. Left: An arc of water is sprayed by this partially submerged whale's tail.

Bottom: Homo sapiens take a hiking expedition in

By Judith Morgan

Copley News Service

hat is it like to view wildlife in the rugged Galapagos Islands, strung along the equator 600 miles west of Ecuador?

It's not like Africa, where thundering herds run

lt's not like Antarctica, where a single icy slope may hold half a million penguins.

Numbers aren't the point in the Galapagos; specialization is. The air of a biological field station blows over this strange, volcanic archipelago, which is home to animals and plants found nowhere else on

Most rewarding, especially for photographers, are the opportunities for eyeball-to-eyeball observation of a menagerie that includes masked boobies, lava gulls, Darwin's finches (13 species, all with distinctive beaks), waved albatrosses, iguanas (both land and marine) and lolling sea lions. These creatures exhibit no fear of humans and can even seem bored by the two-legged, camera-faced voyeurs who trudge past their nests and beaches.

Close encounters are frequent.

As we deplaned near the breezy terminal on the Galapagos Island of Baltra, I saw a dark scrap of rubber on the runway, one that might have peeled from the jet's tires on landing. I considered kicking it aside—until it rurned a glinting eye in my direction.

It was a marine iguana in its molting phase, an unpretty, but loyal individual that hangs out at the airport as a one-lizard welcoming committee for Galapagos National Park.

In these wild islands, 600 miles west of mainland Ecuador, the habits of rare birds and reptiles have been well documented since Charles Darwin's historic repeate in 1835

voyage in 1835. But what of the intrepid humans who visit the

Galapagos? What is a traveler's routine?

To my surprise there turns out to be a somewhat predictable pattern to a Galapagos trip, determined partly by park regulations, partly by weather and part-

ly by the speed of your boat and the distances that must be covered between islands.

Days start with breakfast on board, followed by a trip ashore in a small boat called a panga and a morning hike to visit birds or giant tortoises, lava floes or sea him beaches. After lunch, a midday sail repositions your craft for an afternoon stratification on another island.

Within this Galapagos framework, however, there is the magic of discovery: coming upon the comical, slow-motion mating dance of blue-footed boobies or the bursting yellow blooms of the daisy trees called scalesia, seeing dolphins leap against a silvery moon of a fiery sunset.

One bright afternoon I was snorkeling near the upthrust arrowhead of Pinnacle Rock on Bartolome Island, admiring schools of grunts and parrot fish, when a tiny Galapagos penguin shot through the water like a pudgy bullet and hopped up on a wave-lashed ledge from which, I swear, he smiled.

In these wild islands, the habits of rare birds and reptiles have been well documented since Charles Darwin's historic voyage in 1835.

My trip was in September—the dry season—with summy days of 27 C and nights around 15 C. The ocean temperature was just above 21 C. (Between January and May the sea is noticeably warmer and the days more tropical.)

Since 1959, when 97 percent of the land was declared Galapagos National Park, regulations protect this natural domain. The numbers of visitors are restricted, as are the numbers of boats calling on any one island. No wonder the birds and reptiles feel eminently at home, napping beside the foot trails, preening for cameras.

Sixty of the islands and islets are named, yet no

two are exactly alike in appearance or inhabitants. What thrives on one island may not exist on its neighbor, just five miles away. Humans are found on only five islands; of a total population of 10,000, half live in the laid-back town of Puerto Ayora on Santa Cruz. The largest island—Isabella—is 75 miles long and encompasses more than half of the land area of the archipelago, which stretches 250 miles from north to south. The smallest may be little more than a pile of rocks.

Some islands are home to the giant, lumbering land tortoises called Galapagos—the world's largest; more are not. A few are known for their penguins (second smallest after the Fairy penguins of Australia) or their colonies of red-footed boobies. Others are famed for the pewter sheen of lava fields laid down in 19th century eruptions, or bizarre forests of 20-footall cactus trees called opuntia.

Because of the varied offerings—I learned a little late in the game—it's important to enjoy what you see when you see it; it may not crop up again.

Within 30 minutes of landing at the airport on Baltra Island, we were enjoying lunch on our boat, an eight-passenger, 85-foot motor yacht. We had made our first wet and scrambling landing from a rubber craft called a panga, and were hiking on the uplifted, table-top island of North Seymour, a birders' paradise where magnificent frigates were nesting amid a thicket of smoke-gray palo santo trees.

It was the mating season for land tortoises—a ritual, our guide, Cindy, explained, that starts out as ladies' choice. Each male arranges sticks on the ground, indicating what he considers a good nesting site, and then inflates the red balloonlike pouch at his throst.

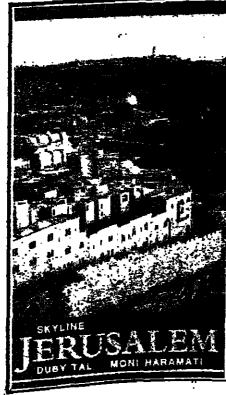
Hunkered on the ground within 20 feet of our trail, the males were tilting their heads skyward, the sun striking their gaudy pouches. Females circled overhead, eyeing the candidates for the reddest and fullest pouch—a clue to health and fitness—and for their promise as nest-builders.

Whether unimpressed, indecisive or reluctant, the females were still circling when we walked on. This was the largest colony of frigates in the Galapagos; we would not see that scene again.

On the second morning, we came ashore at Puerto

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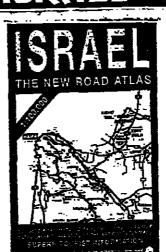
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T is the wind-more than the pink beaches or blue sea or the green golf courses or even the white A roofs—that gives Bermuda its character.

I reached this conclusion the third morning the awning outside my hotel room drummed me awake. Outside. I saw that small swells still disturbed the translucent Great Sound, that the huge cruise ship was

still tied up at the West End Dockyard out of fear of being blown against the coral reefs. Sailboats rocking like upsidedown pendulums, their mast stays singing, stayed snugged in their moorings.

Strangely, when the wind is up. Bermuda itself seems like a boat aground, sails set. straining to be off, but held fast by what she has become: busy. prosperous, absorbed, an environment at odds with itself.

It is by nature a wild place, its untended cliffs and beachfront parks hinting at the windcarved desolation that it was when the British blundered ashore from their wrecked ship in the early 17th century.

Now, it is intensely civilized. On what was once an uninhabited volcanic outcropping some 600 miles off the North Carolina coast, 60,000 people live, closely pressed by the exigencies of life there. Some 8,000 foreign companies, drawn by no income or corporate tax, have registered themselves "offshore" in Bermuda.

Each year 600,000 vacationers spend time on the 22square-mile island. Much of its land has gone to clubs and resorts-islands within an island-and been placed at the disposal of the visitors who constitute the country's largest source of income.

It's easy to suppose that were it not for the wind. place. The representatives of the Jamestown investors who blew ashore stamped it irreversibly British, different from the French or Spanish flair of the Caribbean. Bermuda's odd colonial blend of tweedy rigor

and tropical languor has, for generations, made it the preferred destination of careful American travelers.

But like the Bermuda shorts that trickled down from American country clubs, flowered and showed up at interstate truck stops, the Bermuda vacation has become democratized. It is still possible to isolate oneself in full-service pricey resorts, and the private clubs-introductions from members necessary-are often booked up, but current accommodations fit many purses. And the island's emphasis on tourism-perhaps most Bermudans support themselves that way-makes for nearly seamless visits.

From St. George in the east to Somerset in the west, Bermuda lays itself out like a subtropical bazaar ready for browsing, savoring, buying. It is profoundly tidy, well organized and apparently uniformly committed to making tourists happy.

Which is not that hard, Bermude is a legendary By Nancy Scott Anderson romance encapsulated by a sea that is, at once, aquamarine, cerulean, indigo, azure, sapphire and turquoise. And so clear you can see right down to the bottom, where still-soft coral sways in the swells.

Experiencing the water is easy. Splashing about is free, and there are many agencies to rent gear for scuba diving and snorkeling or seats on deep-sea fishing boats. Sailing-many visitors arrive on their own boats-is a national passion, and there are dozens of weekend regattas in addition to the famous international races. But combing pink-sand beaches or simply sitting on them and watching the wind beat big cumulus

Hamilton, the capitol, looks a little like an Un-Easy New Orleans. It is small, but seems bigger in part because of the cruise ships that tie up there. Hamilton restaurants range from harbor-front Relais & Chateaux members to good pubs.

It seems every chef has a version of the regional fish chowder that gets its sting from local sherry pepper sauce and black Bermuda rum. (I had five bowls in five eateries in three days and agreed with "Bermuda Gold" critics that Hamilton's Hog Penny is

Commerce is the lifeblood of the place—the U.S.dollar is legal tender, which was a disappointment to its valued at less than \$1.5 million. Still, the place has always been rife with names-Pillsbury, Astor, Frick,

Perot? In nonpopulist Bermuda?

Ross Perot selected the east end, near St. George, for his Bermuda pied-a-terre. St. George is the island's first town, and it is charming. The harbor quay bustles with attractions and flowered shorts. But along steep, winding streets and alleys that bind the pocket-size village to its bay, it's possible to experience Old Bermuda and see a number of good National Trust properties.

The most unexpected is the Confederate Museum,

stucco mass seemingly planted between four of the massive hipped chimneys common on the island. It is set in lovely gardens and furnished with Bermudan cedar furniture and should not be missed.

The pleasing uniformity achieved by Bermuda's architecture is due in part to limited building materials and to aesthetic solutions to the problem of finding fresh water. All early houses are made from blocks of dressed limestone. Current builders often use cement block. In either case, the blocks are washed with dissolved limestone left white or tinted. After World War II, which among other changes saw the interdiction against automobiles lifted, the pastels associated with

Bermuda were introduced-pale blue, green, yellow and the ubiquitous pink (now giving way to California peach).

But it is the roofs that, in their legally enforced sameness, give island homes their distinctive signatures. Inch-thick slabs of-limestone are laid by stepped courses on heavy cedar trusses tied at the top. Each course is runneled on the exterior, forming channels to capture the 60 inches annual rainfall and deliver it to underground cisterns. The roofs are all painted white for hygienic reasons, but the result is very beautiful, a stark foil for the blue of the water and sky, and the deep green of the gardens. The country's passion for gardening can be seen in the 850 acres set aside for parks. Much of the southern seashore is protected by beautiful national park land, and each of the towns has pocket areas of quiet green. The Botanical Gardens with an area for the blind planted for fragrance and texture, the Edmund Gibbons Nature Reserve, Spittal Pond and the gardens around Palm Grove are all splendid. Most hotels and all the cottage colonies, such as Lantana on the west end, are themselves parks.

What grows in Bermuda grows exuberantly, and gardeners must exert steely control. The lovely results can be seen on the Garden Club of Bermuda's annual April and May house and garden tour. Some of the residences on the tour have historic significance, some are newly decorated to the nines. Many have snipefying views of ocean and bays.

Today, certain gardeners are turning their sights on land preservation, Almost all the lush and colorful vegetation that seems to typify Bermuda was introduced: bougainvillea, hibiscus, loquat,

Natal plum, rapheolepsis, citrus, poinsettia, oleander,

But such exotics have threatened native plants and proven fragile in big winds, like Hurricane Emily in 1987. That was the storm that convinced many gardeners to take a look at Bermuda's indigenous growth, and for that, one asks naturalist David Wingate for a tour of the forest reserve on Nonsuch Island. It is planted with native palmetto, olive wood trees, chaparral-type understory and a variety of grasses.

It is natural Bermuda: wild, open, surrounded by

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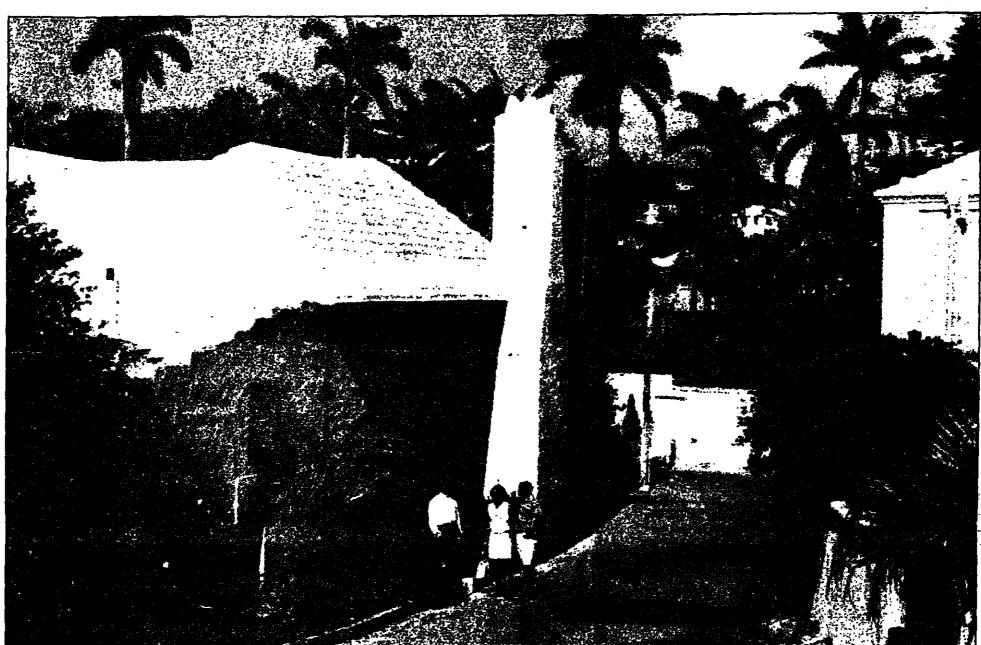


Photo courtesy of Bermuda Department of Tourism

St. George is a charming area that was the first town on the island of Bernauda.

Inland sights are seen by taxi-the drivers must be the best informed, most affable in the world—ferry, bus or moped. Tourists can't rent cars. There are three main east-west roads that cut through porous coral canyons, walled in places by limestone blocks, open

clouds out of the horizon is by far the favorite pastime

in others to views of the sea. They take you through pastel residential clusters with flourishing gardens, across many bridges, around some 60 churches and by schools where uniformed children straggle into classes seeming, despite the dress, less British than American and more Caribbean than either.

The "island" is actually an archipelago, the main islands curving like a cupped hand around bays harboring tiny islets that can provide the kind of unassailable residential privacy reserved worldwide for the

founding backers. In the 17th century, London saw in Bermuda's rock-fast nothingness another Virginia, a plantation that would make them all rich. It was not to be, or at least not that way. Slaves - Africans, Irish (sent .by Oliver Cromwell and given to ongoing rebellion) and American Indians—did the farming. After emancipation in the 1830s, very little was done at all. Despite intermittent successes with the exportation of its eponymous onion and Easter lilies, Bermuda's livelihood and lifeblood have always come from the sea.

Piracy was important early on, but legal trade with the United States, facility at shipbuilding and later its site as a British outpost in the Atlantic has given Bermuda one of the highest per capita incomes in the world. Which is good, because everything, even the oil used to generate its electricity, must be imported.

So is property. Foreigners cannot purchase a house

beadquarters during the Civil War for Norman Walker. a friend of Jefferson Davis, who oversaw the lucrative business of running the Wilmington blockade.

Bridge House, home to Virginia privateer Bridger Goodrich, now houses a small art and gift gallery.

The Old Rectory (not open), behind the very lovely St. Peter's church—the oldest Anglican church in continuous use in the Western Hemisphere—has a charming garden, with old-fashioned English borders laid out around a small lawn. The fine Tucker House, built for the family of a

Virginia planter who was also governor of Bermuda, is St. George's best trust property, and it is open. The rooms are spacious and high-ceilinged, furnished in Bermudan cedar and good English pieces. The silver collection is exceptional.

The best trust property is not in St. George, but near Hamilton. Verdmont was built in 1710, its pastel an impossibly blue sea, green, swept by the wind.

#### Galapagos From page 3

Ayora and boarded a bus to bounce over rutted roads to the cool, misty highlands of Santa Cruz. From the veranda of Steven Devine's farm, at an elevation of 1. 800 feet, we watched half a dozen 500-pound tortoises slowly migrate across the rolling pastures, fading in and out of the mist, called garua.

Between September and June, as many as 90 tortoises pass through in a parade that resembles an armored tank maneuver more than a dry-season forage

"Approach them slowly," Cindy warned, leading us into the tall grass, "and take photos as you go. If you move too fast, they'll retract their heads."

At sunset on our last night, as our boat nosed toward the sheer cliffs of Daphne Major, a crewman cried: "Whale!" We rushed to the bow, scanning the sea until the next plume of spray shot up and the arching spine of a humpbacked whale broke the dark surface, a calf at her side. We cut our speed, changed our course, postponed dinner and quietly followed the pair for a golden hour.

No one visits the Galapagos without being part of a group. Either you arrive in Ecuador with one, or you join a "pickup" group in the coastal city of Guayaquil, a 90-minute jet flight from the airport on Baltra. Each group has a licensed guide; you can't go on an island without one. The idea is to get a Level Three guide. trained in biology, geography and history of the Galapagos, and one whose language you speak. Some trips are geared to the special interests of photographers, birders or divers and have different inneraries.

For most travelers, home base is a boat shared with from six to 90 passengers. Boats of six to 12 passengers allow more flexibility of movement and more time on the islands; you can often be the first ashore each morning or the last to leave a snorkeling beach in the afternoon. Small

star-studded hours on deck after dinner and for impromptu Spanish lessons from the crew. Some people prefer

boats allow for quiet,

basing at the Hotel Delfin (20 twin-bedded rooms with ceiling fans and private baths) in Puerto Ayora, on Santa Cruz island, and going out each day on the 120-foot motor yacht Delfin IL.

The hotel option is favored by travelers who fear being seasick,

and yet it does not necessarily seem to work that way. Because of distances between islands (some trips of five to seven hours), the Delfin II spends more time at sea commuting, and there are 5:30 a.m. calls for departure. The live-aboard craft move by night to position themselves closer to the next day's destination. And even in rough seas, there seems to be an accommodation to the motion ("getting your sea legs") after days at sea.

Seasickness happens; go prepared with your

favorite remedies-pills, patches or wristbands.

It is a duffel-bag trip. Regular suitcases (if you have city clothes and purchases) may be left in Guayaquil or Quito, to which you will have to return on the flight bome.

IF YOU GO

The Rachel III is one of several yachts operated by Metropolitan Touring's Galapegos Cruises of

Weekly charters on Rachel III (Friday to Friday from Baltra) range from \$14,500 for eight passen

Another excellent group is Quasar Nautica of Ecuador, whose boats include the speedy, 10-pas-

senger motor vessel Nortada, which cruises at 14 knots and is ideal for reaching the farthest islamis,

Contact Quasar Nautica Galapagos Expeditions in the United States, 7855 Northwest 12th

Wardrobe essentials for the Galapagos include cot-

ton pants and/or shorts, cotton shirts (long- and short-

fierce), rubber-sole shoes for hiking on lava and rocks,

Each boat provides snorkeling gear, but its condi-

tion varies and there may not be enough to go around:

I packed my own snorkeling mask and tube (so it had

sleeved), swimsuit, tie-on sun hat (the winds can be

and rubber-sole beach sandals. (On most boats, you

leave your shore shoes in a basket on deck and go

and the luxurious, 14-passenger sailing ship Alta, a three-masted schooner built in Norway, with oil

Quito, Ecuador. They also operate the Hotel Delfin/Delfin II program. Contact Adventure Associates,

gers to \$8,800 for four. Three-and four-night craises are also available.

Street, Stite 115, Miami, Florida 33126; (305) 599-9008.

barefoot below.)

paintings and a fireplace in its salon.

a snug fit) and used the boat's swim fins.

I took along insect repellent, which, in September, went unused (there were no bugs in the dry season), and two containers of sun block (barely enough for fair skin under the relentless equatorial sun).

> There is no water on the islands; a liter-size water bottle is essential for your day pack. Take more film than you think you will need; it is costly in the Galapagos, and you'll hate yourself if you run out before getting a photo of a

vermillion flycarcher. There are two kinds of landings-wet and dry-but these classifications are muddy. "Wet" landings can mean an easy step from the rubber-sided panga into eight inches of calm water by a white sand beach.

"Dry" landings can prove wetter as the panga approaches a craggy, wave-lashed ledge and you scramble ashore between surges.

A comfortable boat and savvy crew are key to a successful adventure. I was aboard the Rachel III, an air-conditioned, 85-foot motor-sailer with four double cabins, each with private bath. The crew was cheerful, the cook a whiz. (The Rachel III was built in Taiwan, registered in Wilmington, Del., and, in the Sponishspeaking Galapagos, pronounced "Raquel," as in

On our last night on board, I awakened to the ranle of beavy snoring and gently shook my husband's shoulder. When the sound did not ebb, I decided it was the man in the next cabin and stuffed my head under a pillow,

At dawn I peeked through the porthole to greet the fresh pink world and saw, in the panga tied to our craft, a sleeping sea lion with a dreamy smile. His midnight sporing had long since ceased.

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# Fly your son home, but have him pay later

DEAR RUTHIE RUTHE BLIM

Dear Ruthie, After finishing the army, my son worked for a few months to save money to travel to the Far East. I was happy to let him hold on to what he earned; he had no rent or food bills to pay; he used our car

(while we filled the tank at our expense); and we even contributed money for his entertainment. But now, after traveling for a few months, he has run out of cash and asks that we send him a return ticket. I know I could tell him he's got to work his way home, but I'd never forgive myself if something happened to him

along the way. On the other hand, I think it is not a good thing for him to assume we will always bail him out financially. What should I do? Mother of a Jewish Prince

Dear Jewish Queen, You could send him the ticket and then demand that he work to reimburse you for it. This time, you might be a bit more stringent regarding his day-to-day living

expenses. If you do not stick to your guns where the transfer of (your) funds is concerned, you will ac-complish little to rid him of the notion that you'll always be there to bail him out. If you can teach yourself not to take pity on him every time he's tight for cash, you'll have moved mountains.

Dear Ruthie.

My parents disagree with the way I am raising my children. I have explained to them many times that just as they had the chance to do things as they saw fit, so now do I. When they babysit for my children, they try as hard as they can to undermine my authority and change my rules.

No matter what I say - regardless of the tone I use - they go ahead and do as they please. Is there something I can do to con-vince them that I am now an adult, with the right to make decisions regarding my own children? Uncontrollably Undermined

Somewhere in Israel

of your family, I can only reiterate what I have said many times in response to other readers: you have the power to change yourself and very little power to change others. If your parents were asking me, I'd tell them to

let you have your way. Since it is you who is unhappy, you must decide either to mini-mize the time your children spend with their grandparents (for example, stop asking them to babysit for you), or learn to bend a little

Your authority and rules will not be hindered in your own home. If your children are exposed to another outlook when they are with your parents, they will learn to differentiate between one set of rules and another. This is a process which they must undergo in any case, when they go to school and visit

I have been considering undergoing mild plastic surgery for cos-metic purposes (to have the skin around my eyes lifted). I would be interested to hear your views on the subject, as I have consulted with many people and still am no closer to making a final decision. Renovation Ruminating
Kidron

The optimal achievement for a person dissatisfied with his looks or his aging process - in a perfect world - is to accept himself. It is a greater accomplishment to learn to be comfortable in one's own

skin than to change the skin. However, we do not live in a perfect world, and not everyone feels capable of working on him-self from inside. Those who lack confidence in their inner strength are more likely to put faith in their onter appearance. Just keep in mind that while inner resolve is something which must be renewed constantly, so is plastic

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# The smallest show on earth

AYBE it's because Maria Fernanda Cardoso ria Fernanua wears a silver cape and wields a tiny whip.

Or maybe it's because she harnesses fleas with tiny wires, gives them names like Teeny and Tiny and then blows on them to coax them to walk across a mini-tightrope or jump from a high dive.

Whatever it is, andiences at the Cardoso Fiea Circus often leave her weekend shows at the Exploratorium science center with bemused looks on their faces. "People don't think it's real,"

Cardoso says. But close examination reveals that there are, indeed, fleas at-

tached to wire harnesses or dressed in costumes - live fleas that dance (sort of), juggle and lift weights. One of them, a mighty mite

named Tarzan, pulls a toy big rig. "He's the strongest, but not the smartest. Otherwise he wouldn't do this," Cardoso says with a coy grin as her mostly adult audience squints to get a

Then there's Harry Flee-dini, the world's smallest escape artist. "Oh," she says, feigning a look of surprise as she opens his box. "He's gone already."

Some think Cardoso's show is strange. Many think it's funny. And at least one person in the audience always asks if the fleas

"They're very skeptical," Cardoso's assistant, Heidi Zednik,

For the ringmaster and creator of the show, it's more than a circus sideshow. "I don't know if they know I'm a serious artist," says Cardoso, who earned her Master of Fine Arts at Yale University.

A native of Colombia, she is a sculptor and installation artist who has exhibited work at major galleries in the US, Canada and South America. Her pieces often include animals such as lizards. snakes and starfish.

This latest project, she says, is "art and life" - a chance for her to show her sense of humor and interact with her audience.

"It's nothing like I have ever done," she says. "I have never performed anything in my life." Cardoso began learning about

fleas four years ago. She wanted to use human fleas, as have most traditional flea circuses. But those were too hard to find, so she buys cat fleas from a lab for seven to 10 cents each.

The fleas live about two months - long enough, Cardoso says, for her to become attached to them. The first step is to harness them, using tweezers and magnifying goggles. Then she teaches them to walk on two legs and designs an act for them in her ever-evolving show.

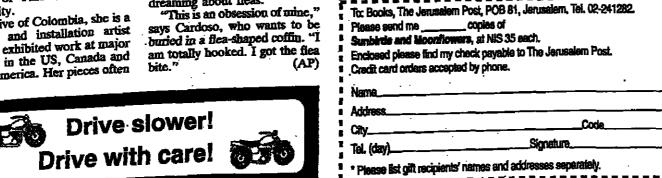
"I tried to find somebody from which to learn. But there was no one," says Cardoso, who won't reveal how she feeds the fleas, which of course dine mainly on

blood. In her research, she found suggestions in books about an Italian named Bertolotto who designed elaborate flea circuses in Europe in the 1800s. His andiences included royalty. In New York in the 1950s, a man simply known as Prof. Heckler herded fleas at his

show on 42nd Street. As far as Cardoso knows, the last flea circus met its demise in

the 1970s. "I revived it because it was lost," says the self-proclaimed Prof. Cardoso, Queen of the Fleas - still a serious artist who teaches sculpture at the San Fran-

cisco Art Institute. But she often finds herself daydreaming about fleas.





# The waterway that may have its way with nature

TEARS ago, the idea of freighters steaming from the Atlantic Ocean into the heart of South America seemed little more than a

Today, the dream suddenly looks real.

Businessmen and farmers say a... planned 3,500-kilometer river terway would be profitable, has link from Uruguay to western warning signs.

The study says engineers as heartland to prosperity, would have to build have to build have to build have to build have of the Descent Piver and dredge

But environmental activists say the waterway would doom the Pantanal, the world's largest wetlands and home to one of the richest collections of wildlife on the planet.

The Hidrovia project, scheduled to start in 1997, would link the Uruguayan port of Nueva Palmira to the Brazilian city of Caceres in the frontier state of Matn Grosso.

Engineers plan to join the Parana and Paraguay rivers that run past Uruguay, Argentina, Paraguay and Bolivia and cut across the heart of Brazil's Pantanal -

Portuguese for swampland. The initial cost would be \$1.3 billion, plus \$2b, more for maintenance, such as daily dredging during the 20 years of construction.

The dream became a possibility as long-time national rivalries gave way to economic cooperation and the Mercosul tariff union among Brazil, Argentina, Paraguay and Uruguay.

Proponents say the waterway would give land-locked Paraguay and Bolivia an outlet to the sea, boost Argentine exports and create a modern international port in Uruguay.
For Brazil, it could trigger an

economic boom for mining companies and farmers in the central plains, which are rich in soybeans, wheat, rice, hardwoods, iron, manganese and precious

This is the most important economic venture the region has seen for quite some time," said

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navy Capt. Jorge Bandani, a Bolivian representative on the fivenation comm the project.

Environmentalists say could spell disaster. They say that even a study by the Internave engineering firm of Sao Paulo, which found the wa-

110 million cubic meters of silt along its banks to allow ships through. Activist groups fear that would disrupt the movement of water

into the Pantanal, which now soaks up millions of gallons of water a year, moderating the flow of rivers and preventing flooding. The study also says the water-

way would have to increase the volume of the rivers by as much as 35 percent to accommodate shipping, meaning less water available for the wetlands. Katherine Fuller, president of

the World Wildlife Fund, said the project would lead to gradual desertification, with a drop of 25 centimeters in the water level of the flood plain. "That would unleash a series of

changes in all the region's wildlife." said Fuller. "Entire species of fish and birds would die off and massive flooding down river would put people and buildings at

The Pantanal sprawls across 139,250 sonare kilometers of the Upper Paraguay River Basin in eastern Bolivia, northeastern Paraguay and the Brazilian states of Mato Grosso and Mato Grosso do Snl.

It is a sanctuary for a wealth of animals, including jaguars, giant anteaters, caymans, marsh deer, giant otters, toucans and rare byacinth macaws. The World Wildlife Fund says

the Pantanal is home to 650 species of birds, 240 varieties of fish, 80 types of mammals, 50 kinds of reptiles and more than 90,000 vaThe group advocates a more

modest waterway beginning farther south, below the headwaters of the Pantanal. But Bolivian, Paraguayan and Brazilian officials are rallying to maintain the original project.

Besides reducing transport costs, spinoff industries from the project will bring jobs and investments to the region, said Bandani, the Bolivian naval officer on the waterway commission.

price of Bolivian and Paragnayan soybeans, cotton and wheat by 45 percent, supporters say. Bolivia relies on expensive trucking to get its produce to port now, Bandani said.

In Brazil, a river link would induce companies to mine the country's second biggest deposit of iron and manganese near Corumba in Mato Grosso do Sul.

Farmers now producing record barvests of soybeans, wheat, beans and coffee in Brazil's western savanna could cut the cost of trucking produce to the port of Santos by a third, according to government studies.

The benefits far outweigh the ecological costs," said Jose Martinez, a senior official at Paraguay's embassy in Brasilia. There is no evidence of an ecological catastrophe. That's all a little exaggerated."

A six-month international bidding for construction contracts is scheduled to start in June. The World Bank and the Inter-American Development Bank are financing the project.

But Marc Dourojeanni, the Development Bank's regional environment adviser for Bolivia and Brazil, says the bank has serious doubts about the economics of the project and the information in the Internave study.

Ecologists say Internave's conclusion that the waterway will be profitable is flawed because it assumes bumper harvests every year and ignores competition from highways and railroads.

# Brain exercises keep memory in shape

Leah Abramowitz talks to psychologist Nitza Ayal and discovers that memory can be improved with mental workouts.

\*AVING trouble remembering what you did last night?

Don't worry, say the experts, occasional memory loss is common and rarely deteriorates into Alzheimer's disease or dementia

There are many tricks one can use to remedy memory blocks, according to Nitza Ayal, a developmental psychologist who has been teaching about memory for over 10 years in her courses at Tel Aviv University and the Open University as well as in classes

she gives for the general public. She has written a popular book in Hebrew on the subject called Journey Into Memory and a pamphlet for the National Insurance Institute and for ESHEL, a division of the Joint Distribution Committee that provides services for the elderly.

"Research shows that intervention can make a change," says Ayal, who is currently doing research at the Herzog Institute of Tel Aviv University.
At the age of 40, she admits,

there are often changes in the brain, but the rate of deterioration varies from person to per-

However, research has proven that the rate of change in memory is definitely a function of mental "Those who are mentally alert. learning and indulging in rational pursuits are less likely to experi-

ence memory decline than those who don't use their minds," she Ayal finds that many elderly people flock to her courses.

"Many fear that they're victims of Alzheimer's or other dementias," she says. However, it is benign forgetfulness and not disabling and pro-

gressive forgetfulness which afflicts the vast majority. Most people expect their bodies and reflexes to slow with age. Physicians now recognize that memory also declines with ad-

vancing years. However, age-associated memory impairment is neither progressive nor disabling, as are the illnesses that cause dementia. Only a fraction of the population will ever suffer from dementia three to five percent.

Helpful tricks in the fight against age-associated memory impairment include writing reminders and lists, repeating names that are easily forgotten out loud and using association to implant useful information.

It is the practical aids that are taught at many of the Memory Improvement classes which make them so useful and popular.

"I learned not only how to live with my memory problem," said Fanny, a participant at a senior citizen center, "but also what to do about it."

Fanny also learned that minor memory difficulties can be accelerated by physical and psycholog-ical factors: fatigue, grief, stress, medication, vision or hearing loss, depression and illness. Similarly, outside factors -

such as distraction, lack of concentration or an attempt to remember too many details at once can increase memory Despite the tricks, there are

certain functions that do deteriorate with age. Encoding, or add-

Signature \_

ing new information to one's long term memory becomes more difficult, as does recall, or remembering specific information when it's demanded. The frustration of this experience can make the person anxious and this anxiety further blocks the recall

It also may become more difficult to pay attention to more than one item at a time with advancing years, and new learning takes conscious effort if the student is

However, hoary Talmud students have no difficulty learning new tractates since they've been engaged in this type of study all

In addition, recognizing faces, voices and other familiar information is generally not a problem for older people. Similarly, the experiences of a lifetime gives this segment of the population an advantage over the younger people. Older adults apparently do better than their progeny in tests that measure knowledge and vocabulary.

MANY PSYCHOLOGISTS, social workers and gerontologists have adopted Ayal's methods and lead groups in memory im-

At the Martin Buber Institute at the Hebrew University, two 16hour courses have been given on memory for professional people who work with the elderly.

"It's one of our most popular courses," says Dr. Pat Zubari, director of the Institute.

Some of Ayal's ideas also have been incorporated into programs for cognitively impaired elderly. At Ichilov Hospital, people suffering from mild dementia or dession are referred to a by the Psycho-Geriatric Clinic

The group meets once a week for three hours and the 10 participants engage in discussions, music therapy, creativity exercises

and memory games. "The chug [group] gives them an opportunity to talk about what's on their mind," says Debbie Lahav, a senior occupational therapist who directs the circle.

"It's a kind of support group. Just last week we were talking about falls, and one man who suffers from Parkinson's Disease and slight dementia changed the focus to emotional falls."

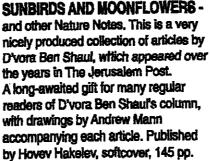
Melabev, an organization for the mentally impaired elderly in Jerusalem, has also opened a club for memory improvement.

Dr. Martha Milstein conducts the group, which meets twice a week, as well as organizes trips, discussions and music therapy for

The club gives the members "an injection of self-esteem," Milstein says.

"We work on exercises that assure success," Milstein explains. They love to solve riddles or give interpretations to verses from Pirke Avot Ethics of the

"We talk about how to organize our lives and make maximum use of the cognitive abilities that we have. There's a lot of good interaction and an improved self-image here."



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# BUSINESS & FINANCE

Harish: Privatize Israel Railways

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THE government placed too much emphasis on road construction and too little on rail infrastructure, Trade and Industry Minister Micah Harish told The Jerusalem Post yesterday.

Harish added that Israel Railways should be privatized.

However, Transport Minister Yisrael Kessar dismissed that suggestion. "I too am all for privalization, but no one will want to buy Israel Railways," he said. "It's a loser, half of whose expenses we keep on subsidizing.

Harish, on the other hand, said the new Rehovot-Tel Aviv line, which always runs full to capacity without even being advertised, shows the railways can be a

Describing himself as "an avid fan of rail transportation," Harish added that investments currently earmarked for the Negev alone will eventually generate such freight pressure on that region that road access to it will become insufficient, even after significant expansion and

Rail transportation generated growth in many places, he said, and Israel should be no exception. Harish said there should be a tender for private firms to build

and operate specific rail lines. When it comes to roads, no one asks how "profitable" they are, but when it comes to railways everyone makes calculations,

# **Expatriates want** to collect social security payments from NII

JENNIFER FRIEDLIN

A LAW firm plans to challenge the law that prohibits Israeli pensioners living abroad from collecting social security payments from the National Insurance In-

"Unlike Israel, most western countries provide social security and medical insurance to their citizens regardless of where they are, and they have special offices that make sure their citizens [receive these monies] - even if they are living in an ashram in India," said lawyer Yedidiah Goren.

Goren, whose law firm is rep- reason. resenting 35 Israeli pensioners currently living in the US, will meet with NII representatives to discuss the law.

the country and are, therefore, not entitled to the NII benefits.

Goren said his firm will ask the NII's permission to take the case before the Supreme Court. If the NII refuses, Goren said his firm will sue them as a first step toward judicial review.

NII spokesmen were unavailable for comment.

Goren said the current law infringes on people's basic civil right to have access to their property and punishes them for leaving the country, regardless of the

If the law is changed, Goren said it will cost hundreds of millions of shekels, but he added that "the country found ways of who have moved overseas are no of how much it cost, when the

# National trade deficit jumps 40% in '95

Average monthly wage at NIS 3,678

THE national trade deficit increased 40 percent to \$10.2 billion last year from 1994, the Central Bureau of Statistics reported

The final yearly figures were capped by a \$900 million trade deficit in December.

During the second half of the year, imports expanded at a monthly average rate of 1.5%, while exports grew by less than 1% per month.

Jerusalem Post Staff

The sharp rise in the annual deficit followed a 19% growth in the gap between imports and exports between 1993 and 1994.

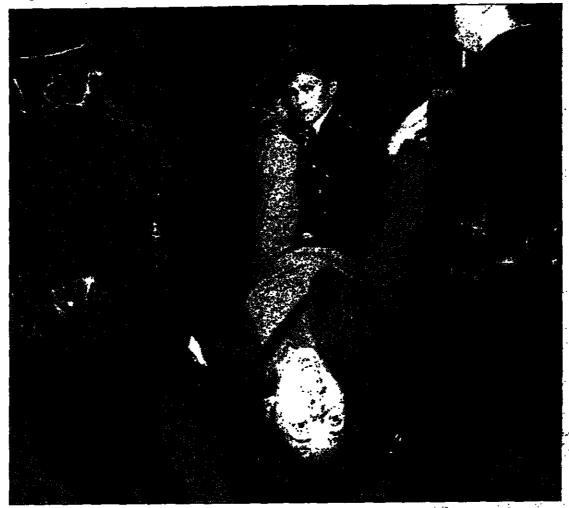
In all, imports rose 20% to \$28b., while exports at the same time grew 11% to 17.9%. Meanwhile, the National Secu-

rity Institute said the average wage last year was NIS 3,678. Women carned on average

45% of men's salaries, and a family with at least one wage earner made an average of NIS 6,442.

The cities with the highest average income were Tel Aviv and Rishon Lezion, at 120% of an average salary. Haifa was next on the list at 115.4%.

.The lowest wages, averaging between 66% and 77% of the national average, were earned in major Arab towns like Nazareth, Taibe and Umm el-Fahm.



Under current law, Israelis handling other affairs, irrelevant An activist is carried away from a protest by police outside Hong Kong's annual toy and games fair yesterday. Protesters were injured during scuffles after their demonstration against the poor safety ne and Hong Kong was disru

#### **BUSINESS BRIEFS**

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 1996

Turkey's trade with Israel jumped last year to an estimated \$400 million from \$300m. in 1994, deputy Turkish Foreign Minister Omir Oymen told The Jerusalem Post yesterday. Oymen said he was here for high-level political consultations and to discuss bilateral free trade and other agreements. He said such deals would ease exports from both countries to the European Union. Oymen said he will appeal to local businessmen today for more joint ventures.

Local industry expects a market slowdown this year, the Manufacturers Association said yesterday. A survey of expectations in the industrial sector conducted among 190 companies indicated a slowdown in the rate of growth during the fourth quarter of 1995, with 45 percent of companies reporting increased productivity as compared to 58% in mid-1995. Of those surveyed, 47% expected a rise in productivity this year and 19% expected a drop.

High-tech cooperation conference in Amman next month: Jordan's Crown Prince Hassan will head a round-table discussion on Israeli-Jordanian cooperation in the high-tech industries that will be held in Amman next month. Hassan, who initiated the meeting, also serves as head of the Higher Royal Council for Science and Technology of Jordan. Prime Minister Shimon Peres, Industry and Trade Minister Micha Harish, Manufacturers Association president Dan Propper, and Moshe Cohen, head of the High-tech Industries Association, are expected to attend the meeting.

# Postal Authority to phase out mail distribution centers

MAIL distribution centers established over the past few years to cope with the shortage of maildelivery personnel will be gradually phased out by the Postal Authority, according to Director-General Ran Levin.

Levin said that phasing out the distribution centers - free, individually locked post office boxes in central neighborhood locations to replace home delivery - will be more expensive.

"But we regard it as an important way of improving service," Levin said at a news conference. Some 300,000 households (or 15 percent of the population) have boxes in distribution centers, out

The centers were initially set up in neighborhoods with young residents, but collecting mail from points blocks away from home became increasingly difficult for elderly and sickly The city of Modi'in, currently

under construction, was supposed to have only mail distribution centers, and no delivery to

These plans have been canceled, Levin said.

Levin said it would be impossible to phase out the centers in certain areas, such as in Arab villages where there are no street

# Elbit Defense Systems subsidiary wins contract from US military

ELBIT Defense Systems subsidiary Elbit Fort Worth (EFW) has won a contract to develop and manufacture the positioning interface box (PIB) in the Bradley A3 amnored personnel carrier.

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The order is Elbit's third contract with the Bradley A3 developers.

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# Universal Postal Union head pays visit, pledges to persuade Arabs to form postal ties with Israel

THE UN-affiliated Universal Postal Union's (UPU) directorgeneral will try to persuade 16 Arab and Moslem countries to

man said. US-based firm United Defense has subcontracted development of 12 prototype systems to EFW. In the second stage, Elbit ex-

der for the manufacture of 1,600 In April, the company won a contract to supply the Bradley with its central computer system. In July, Elbit won a contract to supply computerized inspection

and control units for gunners and Elbit said EFW had competed against some leading US defense

"These three wins mark Elbit Defense Systems's entry into one of the central and most advanced form direct postal ties with Israel. projects in the US army," Acker-Thomas Leavey - who took

the job in Bern, Switzerland, a year ago - said his 122-year-old organization could not force them to abide by its universal postal principles, but he would use moral suasion in view of the pects to receive a \$25 million orcurrent era of Middle East

reconciliation. Leavey, making the first visit to Israel of an UPU director, told a press conference at Jerusalem's King David Hotel on Tuesday that the countries refusing to have direct postal ties with Israel are Syria, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Oman, Pakistan, Qatar, Tunisia, Algeria, Bahrain, Kuwait, Lebanon, Yemen, the United Arab Emirates, Libya, Iraq and Iran.

Other countries that do not exchange mail are North and South Korea and the two parts of Cy-

Unlike telecommunications, in which phone calls can be made from Israel to an Arab country via a third country, nations hostile to Israel can refuse to distribute mail with Israeli stamps.

The only way to send mail to these places is by asking someone to take the envelopes or packages to a third country and put local stamps on them.

Postal Authority director-general Ran Levin said it was important for Israel, which has been a member of the UPU since 1949, to enjoy greater influence in the organization's official institutions - especially the Postal Operations Council and POSTEUROP (the

JUDY SIEGEL

European Postal Union). Leavey explained that the UPU's bureaucracy has not dis-

plaining that none of his predecessors visited Israel "because there are 189 members to visit." However, because Israel was

criminated against Israel, ex-

not elected into any regional organization due to political pressures, it has not had much clout on postal issues.

The UPU encourages members to abide by its constitutional principles of easuring the right to delivery of mail to all, at reasonable prices. It also makes arrangements among members regarding fees for transferring international mail. The UPU encourages countries to upgrade their postal services, sometimes with technical help from developed countries to

developing nations. Leavey said postal services

would increasingly lose their monopely status and be forced to compete with the private market. The best way to cope with this challenge, he said, is to establish efficient, non-subsidized state postal service corporations.

Israel's Postal Authority, he noted after tours of its facilities. has made great lengths to improve service and regard customers as consumers rather than patrons or clients.

Leavey said he was optimistic about the continued existence of the mail services in the foreseeable future, despite technological advances such as Internet and the fax machine.

Mail volume can still expand due to the increasing use of direct-mail advertising and shopping by catalogues, he said.

# Turkish-Iraqi trade booms despite sanctions

BAGHDAD (Reuter) - Truck traffic between Iraq and Turkey is booming again despite the Gulf War sanctions, with about 1,000 vehicles crossing the border daily. Baghdad-based diplomats say.

They said Iraq, barred from most trade channels because of the sanctions imposed on it for its 1990 invasion of Kuwait, had started luring Turkish traders to avoid being cut off entirely if Jordan decided to close its border.

The once-close political ties between Amman and Baghdad are at their lowest ebb. Relations soured when Jordan provided shelter to two key Iraqi government defectors, both sons in law of Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein.

Jordan's King Hussein, whose sympathy with Iraq in the Gulf War sorely tested his ties with Saudi Arabia, has aligned himself with groups bent on toppling the government in Baghdad.

Iraq on Tuesday lashed out at Jordanian Foreign Minister Abdul-Karim Kabariti, accusing him of using the suffering of the Iraqi people as a means to achieve political gains in the country. "Iraq is trying to leave more than one door open,"

falls within this policy." He said Iraqi traders, weary of delays, intensive searches and tightening of controls on the Jordanian side of the border, now find it is easier for them to do business with Turkey.

said one diplomat. "The brisk trade with Turkey

snatch the opportunity," another diplomat said. Improved security in northern Iraq, under Kurd-

ish rebel control, also has helped boost trade. The diplomats said rival Knrdish factions had stopped fighting each other, and militias of the Kurdish warlord Massoud Barzani seem to have curbed Turkish Kurd guerrillas in territory under their

One diplomat said Iraq, which under the UN-imposed sanctions is barred from selling its oil on world markets, was getting most of its sugar and flour supplies from Turkey.

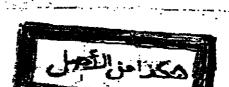
The Turkish truckers also brought in detergents, sweets, fruit, vegetables, tires, batteries and spare parts, he said.

The trade was mostly done through Kurdish middlemen, as the trucks have to pass through territory held by Barzani's Kurdish rebels. The Kurds, the diplomat said, tax each transiting truck.

Vendors roam the streets of Baghdad with carts full of Turkish apples and garlic. A kilo of garlic costs 4,000 dinars, almost equivalent to the monthly salary of an Iraqi civil servant. Apples cost 2,000 Diplomats said the US and its allies, policing a no-

fly zone over northern Iraq from air-bases in Turkey to protect rebel Iraqi Kurds, were bound to turn a blind eye on the mushrooming trade.

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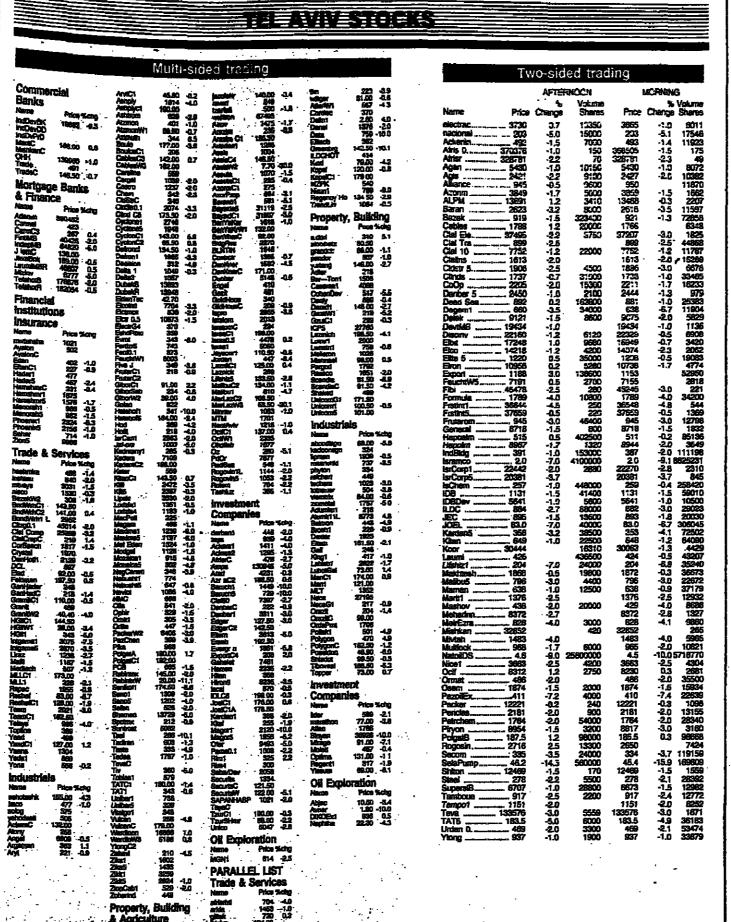
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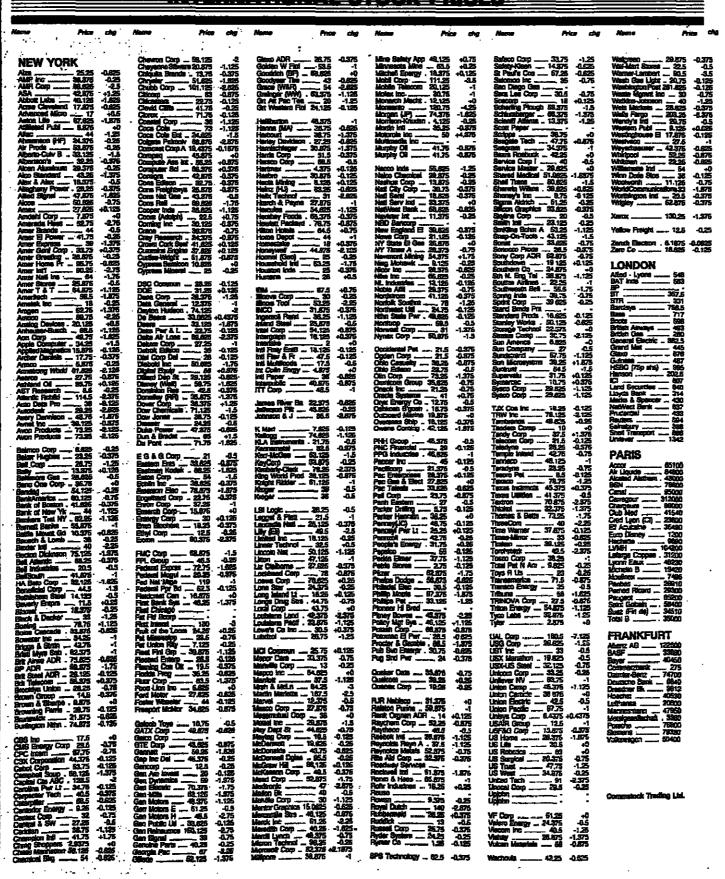
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#### NTERNATIONAL STOCK PRICES



# Indexes fall for fourth straight day

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Two-Sided index

Macf Index INDEXES dropped for for a fourth straight day, following Tuesday's declines in Israeli shares traded in New York.

Losses were led by Teva Pharmacenticals Ltd., which fell three percent following declines in the company's American Depositary Receipts, which decreased to 42% on Tuesday from 44% on Monday.

The Maof Index fell 0.86% to 217.00, and the Two-Sided Index decreased 1.11% to 209.66. Of 1,009 issues traded across the exchange, almost five times as many shares fell as rose.

More than NIS 120 million worth of shares traded, NIS 9.3m. above Tuesday's level and NIS 7.3m. above last week's average trading level.

"The declines in America influenced trading here, particularly Teva," said Dan Alt, a broker at Tel Aviv investment firm Nesuah Trading.

investors are also concerned that next week's December Consumer Price Index, due to be announced Monday, will indicate rising inflation, said Alt. The shekel weakened against the dollar in December, which may have pushed up prices.

"People are nervous about the CPl," he said. "They don't know how the dollar will affect it."

Other declining shares included Bezeq, which fell 1.5% after news reports that British telecommunications concern Cable & Wireless may want to sell its

10% stake in Bezeq, Alt said. Also on the Maof Index, Israel Chemicals fell 1% and Makhteshim Chemical Works Ltd. dropped 0.5%.

On the Two-Sided Index, oil shares declined after hopes faded that Israel National Oil Co. had struck a profitable amount of oil at one of its wells. Israel National

Oil Co. fell 9%. Other oil exploration shares with losses included Isramco Negev 2 Limited Partnership, which fell 7%; and J.O.E.L. Jerusalem Oil Exploration Ltd., which also dropped 7%. (Bloomberg)

Also on the index, Mofet Israel Technology Fund Ltd. fell 7.5%. Offsetting some losses, Maof Index-listed Elbit Ltd., which manufactures electronic systems for aerospace and defense industries, rose 1% after it announced it had won a \$25 million contract to supply computerized systems for US army tanks.

Other gaining firms on the Maof Index included Bank Hapoalim, which rose 0.5%; Electra Consumer Products, which went up 0.75%, and Tadiran, which

# FTSE Index closes 28.8 points lower

**WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP** 

fell for a second day, tracking an early decline on Wall Street after weaker-than-expected earnings from Motorola hit US technology stocks and undermined the rest of the market.

The FTSE 100 closed 28.8 points down at 3,671.5, leaving the index some 57 points shy of the record intraday peak reached in early trade yesterday.

FRANKFURT - German shares ended bourse trade lower and near session lows following Wall Street's stiff losses and a tumble in bank stocks on a series of downgrades by Merrill Lynch.

The 30-share DAX Index ended down 11.47 points at 2,338.19. In post-bourse trade the Dax stood at 2,340.31.

PARIS - Shares fell, pressured by Wall Street's nervous fall, but traders said they were pleased to see the CAC-40 blue chip index and futures contract close above their lows as key support levels

The CAC-40 Index closed down 6.18 points, or 0.32%, at 1.910.11 after recovering from a low of 1,897.34. It briefly slipped below a support level at 1,900

ZURICH - Shares ended more than 1% lower than Tuesday but managed to climb above the day's

LONDON (Reuter) - UK stocks lows after remaining in the red throughout the day.

Trading centered on shares with a heavy weighting in the blue-chip SMI Index. The allshare SPI gave up 25.02 points, or 1.16%, to 2,149.11 points.

TOKYO - Shares in Tokyo ended mixed, bruised by profittaking after a collapse of hightech shares in New York and a firmer dollar against the yen. Brokers said participants were waiting to see how Wall Street fared tonight and for Japan's new government tomorrow.

The 225-share Nikkei average finished down 39.76 points at

HONG KONG - Shares closed sharply lower, shaken by Sun Hung Kai Properties' major cash call and Wall Street's plunge, though brokers took solace from the main index's ability to hold

above 10,300. The blue-chip Hang Seng In-dex ended down 122.57 points, at

10,304.63. JOHANNESBURG - Shares shrugged off a weaker overnight Dow and nervous investor sentiment on gold's next move to end-

The all-share index was up 9.4 points to 6,638.3, the industrial index gained 4.2 points to 8.316.3 and the gold index was 12.7

# Dow closes sharply lower for second consecutive day

WALL STREET REPORT

NEW YORK (Reuter) - The Dow Jones industrial average ended with a big loss yesterday for the second day, as Wall Street showed its frustration at the impasse in the federal budget talks.

Based on early and unofficial data, the index ended 97.19 points lower at 5,032.94, after

losing more than 113 points late in the session. The drop added to Tuesday's loss of nearly 68

In the broader market, declining issues swamped advances 20-1 on heavy trading of 500 million shares on the New York Stock

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# Israeli streaks to win in Tiberias

ISRAELI Wodage Zuaday pulled off a major upset yesterday by dethroning Ethiopian favorite Ahmad Hussein to be crowned king of the 19th Tiberias Marathon.

Zuaday, a former Ethiopian. overcame both a strong finish by Hussein, who was seeking his third straight win - and fourth overall - here; and his own uncooperative running shoe which became untied - for the second time - three kilometers from the

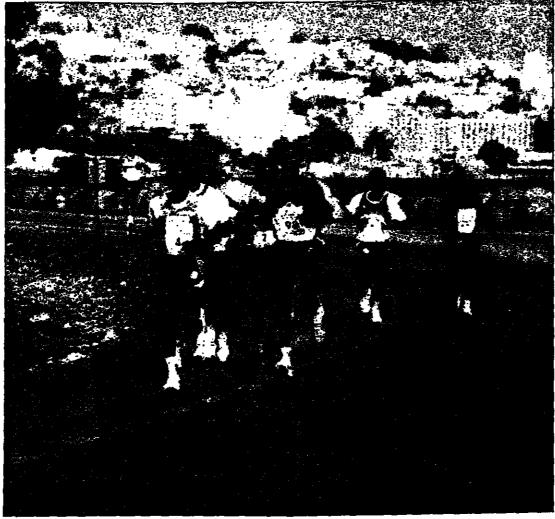
The race, which was run on a balmy day with temperatures hovering around 18°C (67°F), was one of the most exciting in recent

Until the pack began to thin out nine kilometers from the end of the 42.195 km (26 miles, 385 yards) course, the race was a tossup between seven runners. In addition to Zuaday and Hussein. Ethiopians Tamsa Haileamlak, Yared Kebede and Girma Daba, Israeli Asaf Bimro and Russian Alexander Pershin were running virtually step-for-step since the 25 km mark.

A pair of Russians - Alex Vitzuanin and Pershin - were the early leaders until km 10, having opened up a 50-meter lead over the Israeli trio of Daniel Dasta. Dov Kremer and Bimro and a further 20m advantage over the Ethiopians and eventual winner

Bimro, last year's national champion, began to emerge as a possible winner. He enjoyed the lead from the 35-38 km mark, opening up a 10m gap between himself and Zuaday and Hussein. But by km 39, Hussein slowly crept up and it looked like a third straight win was in store for the 24-year-old Ethiopian.

For some - especially the journalists - Hussein was the semantic, if not sentimental, favorite.



ROUNDING THE BEND - Tiberias Marathon winner Wodage Zuaday (far right) keeps pace with (Ilan Ossendreber/Israel Sun) the pack during the race.

With the visit of Jordan's King Hussein taking place in Tel Aviv simultaneously with the marathon, "King Hussein" or "Hussein, King of the Road" as a banner headline danced like sugarplums in the reporters'

But road reality replaced literary euphony as Zuaday, 22, put on a tremendous burst of energy at km 40, surprising himself as well as Hussein and Bimro. "I was afraid to make my move earlier," the Wingate student said. "I was intimidated by Hussein's reputation and Bimro's late spurt. I came into the race happy to finish among the top seven."

Zuaday, who immigrated here five years ago, was a Johnnycome-lately to the event, not registering until hours before the deadline. The youngster had difficulty in raising the NIS 85 registration fee.

Israeli Nili Avramski was the first woman to cross the line to earn herself national championship laurels. Her time of 2:57:19 was 29th overall. Countrywoman Ela Crimus was the second woman to finish, at 2:57:23 (32nd

# The good, the bad and the stupid

and free of unauthorized vehicles endangering the runners. There were many water stations and the humidity was low.

The Bad: The wind on the lake's east side was strong, slowing the runners down. No runner broke the minimum time, so that prize money was awarded at only 50 percent: \$3,000 for first place, \$1,500 for runner-up and half that for third

The Stupid: Police officer David Turjeman inexplicably stopped the journalists' van near Ein Gev. He claimed he had been given a direct order from his superior and we were to stand at the side of the road until further notice. Meanwhile, the runners, whom we had been following, had pulled kilometers ahead.

At the same time, other cars - including one carrying the wives and children of several runners, and another with trainers, were allowed to pass - as were two bicyclists, one tractor and one roller blader. Still we were kept idle. Orders are orders.

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> Seeing this, Turjeman hopped out of the car without completing the phone call, ran over to our driver and threatened to take away his keys. When we assured him we were all law-abiding citizens, he once again returned to his car... and we once again tried to make a getaway. The idiotic scenario was played out once again: his threats, our assurances.

> The only thing lacking was Tommy Lee Jones as the warden imploring the fugitive journalists to surrender."You'll never make it back to the finish line alive," he might have blurted out through the bullhorn.

Finally the marathon organizer managed to flag down a police car and a senior police officer convinced Turjeman - who had earlier defiantly opened his jacket to reveal his name plate when we demanded to know his identity - that it was all right for us to proceed.

It was suspected that Turieman was placated when he was told that he was, in fact, enforcing the law - Murphy's Law.

#### SCOREBOARD

ENGLISH LEAGUE CUP QUARTERFINALS: Arsenal 2, Newcastle 9; Aston Villa 1, Wolverhampton 0; Leeds 2, Reading 1; Norwich 1, Birmingham 1.

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# England coach Venables will quit after Euro finals

LONDON (Reuter) - England soccer coach Terry Venables is to quit after this year's European championship finals.

English Football Association (F.A.) spokesman David Davies told a news conference yesterday Venables had informed the F.A. he wanted to leave at the end of his contract in June, after Euro '96.

Davies said: "Terry Venables faces a number of time-consuming legal battles in the later part of 1996, which he believes could interfere with England's efforts to qualify for the final stages of the next World Cup. And he is absolutely determined to clear his name."

Davies revealed that Venables had made his decision to stand down on December 16 - the day before England were grouped with Scotland, the Netherlands and Switzerland in the 1998 World Cup qualifiers.

"He was urged to think again over the Christmas period and while he was abroad last week," Davies said, "He told (F.A. chief executive) Graham Kelly today that his decision was

"The F.A. is deeply disappointed by his decision but understands the thinking behind it." Venables, who returned from

holiday two days ago, had spent the day at F.A. headquarters after indicating he wanted to settle his future sooner rather than It is believed some members of .

the F.A.'s 15-strong international committee were not convinced Venables should be in charge for the 1998 World Cup.

The former Tottenham chief has been dogged by allegations about his business affairs since being appointed England coach.

to react by naming Newcastle manager Kevin Keegan as 4-5 favorite to succeed Venables with Middlesbrough's Bryan Robson at 6-4 and Howard Wilkinson of

Leeds at 8-1. Other top names mentioned inchuded Tottenham's Gerry Francis and Glenn Hoddle of Chelsea.

Venables, who succeeded Graham Taylor as coach in January 1994, has been in charge for just . 14 games. During that time he has used a total of 40 players.

When Venables took the job it was the first time in recent years that the F.A. had appointed a new coach on a contract which did not take him through to the next World Cup.

Under Venables the national side won six games, drew seven and lost one, but because Eagland qualified automatically for Euro '96 as hosts his teams have British bookmakers were quick never been fully tested.

# Ohana joins Maccabi Haifa for Ajax Amsterdam friendly tonight

BETAR Jerusalem's Eli Ohana joins Haifa's men in green tonight for a one-off appearance with Maccabi against Ajax Amsterdam. The Dutch side is widely regarded as the world's

top club after winning the European Cup last year and then capturing the World Club Championship against South America's stop club side.

Maccabi Haifa and Ajaz will kick off their friendly match tonight at 6 pm at Kiryat Eliezer as the Dutchmen complete their short training camp here during the league's winter break in the Netherlands. Before the match, Ma'ariv will present a trophy to their footballer of the year for 1995.

Haifa, which is also regrouping during the local winter break, will use the friendly encounter to examine its new signing, Yarosav Kintus. The club will also look at two other foreign players, Yevegny Dimitiyev and Jasmin Oric, one of whom could be hired instead of Uruguayan defender Edgardo

# Maccabi in for a Real challenge

MACCABI Tel Aviv's chaotic week comes to a end tonight with a European Club Championship matchup with Real Madrid at Yad

Hopefully, the outcome does not spell the end of Maccabi's realistic hopes for a berth in the quarterfinals.

For the game tonight has that type of importance, despite its buildin being overshadowed by ing Ralph Klein as Maccabi's head

Real, the defending European champions, enters the game with a 5-3 record in the final pool and a three-game winning streak, including an 80-73 victory over Group B leaders Panathinaikos last week. Maccabi, at 4-4, would be hard-

pressed to make up lost ground if it loses at home, especially since massive defeats on the road have put the team at a disadvantage in most tie-breaker scenarios.

The first of those defeats came at Madrid (91-74), where Real went on a 31-7 run to break wide open a game that the Spaniards led only 59-57 with 12:50 remaining.

Brian Freeman

But Real, like Maccabi, is not as good a team away from home. They sport a 1-3 road record (the only victory coming over winless Benfica Lisbon), including a 94-75 shellacking at Pau-Orthez.

Maccabi brings a 10-game home winning streak in final pool play over the past two seasons into the contest. This includes a 93-85 victory last season over Real Madrid, which has defeated Maccabi only once in 10 meetings at Yad Eliahu since 1977.

This year's Real squad is anchored by forward Joe Arlanckas, who is averaging 27.0 points and 7.1. rebounds a game. He showcased his overall skills in the first game against Maccabi, scoring 32 points and pulling down 11 rebounds.

Experienced center Zoran Savic who has played for European champions Split and Barcelona - is having another steady season, knocking in 17.8 a contest and 5.3 rebounds

Guard Juan Antunez, who is averaging 7.1 points a game, is the

Backcourt mate Ismael Santos chips in 6.8 points a game and shoots 37.5% (6-16) from threepoint range.

The club works together well and is fundamentally sound like all teams coached by Zeljko Obradovic - who has led his teams to three of the last four European titles (with Partizan Belgrade in 1992 Jovennu Badalona in 1994 and Real last year).

Maccabi must try to rebound from the disastrous performances of its last two games - a 90-66 loss last Thursday at Pan-Orthez in European play and a 104-91 defeat in the first leg of the State Cup quarterfinals at Maccabi Rishon Lezion on Sunday.

The infusion of fighting spirit and defensive intensity that Sherf said he hoped to bring to the club could not come soon enough if Maccabi wants to get back into the European picture.

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The game is scheduled to be shown live on Channel 1 starting at club's biggest three-point threat at 8:45 pm.

# UConn holds off Villanova

STORRS, Comp. (AP) - Ray AIlen scored 29 points and grabbed 11 rebounds in the Huskies' 81-73 victory over Villanova on Tuesday night in the battle of Big East

Kirk King added a career-high 20 points for UConn (13-1, 5-0), which used tenacious defense to kev a brilliant transition game and shut down Kittles for most of the game.

King had 12 points in the second half and finished 9-for-9 from the field, the best performance by a UConn player in a Big East

Doron Sheffer chipped in 13

Kittles, who was held to six points in the first half came to life late in the game and finished with 19 points, including the last of his three 3-pointers that cut it to 75-68 with 1:07 remaining.

But with Allen and two of his teammates sharing the responsibility of guarding Kittles throughout the game, most of Villanova's heroics were left to center Jason Lawson, who finished with 22 points on 10-for-11 shooting

The game was postponed one day because of the winter storm that buried much of the East

In the only other games involving ranked teams Tuesday night, it was: No. 2 Kentucky 74, No. 12 Mississippi State 56, and No. 23 Michigan 83, No. 21 Illinois 68.

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# No one elected to Hall of Fame

First shutout in a quarter of a century NEW YORK (AP) - Phil them has been that they were No eligible pitcher with more

Niekro, Don Sutton and Tony Perez all put up good career numbers, no doubt. Not the great ones needed for

the Hall of Fame, however. For the first time in 25 years,

no player was elected to the shrine Monday as members of the Baseball Writers Association of America shut out all 35 candidates.

Only seven times ever - and not since 1971 - since the original selection in 1936 has the BBWAA failed to elect anyone. But with 75 percent support needed, Niekro was listed on just 68.3 percent of the ballots, followed by Perez with 65.7 percent best in modern history. and Sutton at 63.8 percent.

impressive totals, the knock on 324-256 lifetime.

very good for two decades, rather than being great for at least 10 sentiment, the BBWAA toughened the Hall standards and again left out Niekro and Sutton, whose 300 wins once were regarded as automatic for election.

Niekro, on the ballot for the fourth time, got 321 votes, 32 short of the 353 needed for election. The knuckleballer had a career record of 318-274.

Perez, on the ballot for the fifth time, was listed on 309 of the record total of 470 ballots. He be now? had 1,652 RBIs lifetime, 16th

wins than either Sutton or Niekro has been left out of the years. Instead of voting with Hall. No eligible player with more RBIs than Perez has been blanked. But Niekro never won a Cy

Young Award in his 24 years, and neither did Sutton during his 23 seasons. Perez, who hit 379 homers, never led the league in home runs or RBIs in 23 years.

And, as some voters have said. if the numbers weren't good enough the first time those players were eligible, why should they

In fact, the last time a player was elected by the BBWAA be-Sutton, on the bullot for the wond his first year of eligibility While all three players had third time, got 300 votes. He was was 1992, when Rollie Fingers made it on his second try.

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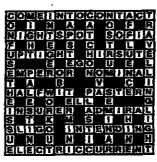


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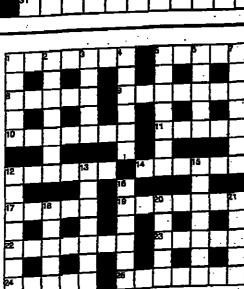
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#### RADIO

#### ■ VOICE OF MUSIC

6:06 Morning Concert 9:05 Weber: Clarinet concerto no 1 in F minor, Beethoven; Symphony no 7 (NBC/Toscanini); Eger, Delius, Vaughan Walliams, Britten: choral songs (Cambridge Singers); R. Strauss: Plano quartet in C. minor op 13; Suic The Priano quarter in C martor op 13; Suic The Pipening symphonic poem (Czech PO/ Neumann) 12:00 Noon with Gideon Hod - familiar music and quiz 14:06 Encore 15:00 Voice of Music magazine 16:00 Stradelia: John the Beptist oratorio; Mo-zart: String quinter K174 (Les Adieux); Schubert: Impromptu in E flat D89/2 (Li-patti) 18:00 New CDs - W. Byrd: selec-tion of and worker Schoenherer Quester tion of early works; Schoenberg: Quartet no 2 with soprano solo; Mozart: Plano concerto no 11; Kodaly: Hungarian Pselms op 13 20:05 From the Recording Studio Gabriella Telerosa (piano). D. Scarietti: 3 Sonatas; Mordechal Seter: Chaconne and Scherzo; Chopin: Preludes nos 1-12 op 28; Schubert: 2 Imprompti from op 142 (nos 3 and 4) 21:00 Clouds, Celebrations and Sirena 23:00 From the Record Shell

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# CRITIC'S CHOICE

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Rob Reiner directs Michael Douglas in 'The American President,' which is up for five Golden Globe Awards.

> ceremony will be shown on on the Family Channel at 11:20 p.m.

\*\*\* SEVEN - In David Fincher's graesome but engaging psychological thriller, a serial killer commits one grisly murder for each of the Seven Deadly Sins. The picture was written by Andrew Kevin Walker, who strives quite consciously for the pitch and texture of a '40s crime film. He does a good job. Despite the atrocaties the shadowy slaughterer commits (squeamish viewers are warned to steer clear), the action focuses mostly on character and setting. These are, respectively, two mismatched police detectives – regal Morgan Freeman and cocky Brad Pitt - and an unspecified, always-rainy American city, well along in its decay. The film is entertaining in a trashy, morbid way, although by the time it winds round to its inevitable surprise ending, the Seven-Sin-Plan also comes to seem a little cynical. (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Children under 17 not admitted without

#### CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

- 25 Well preserved parent? (5)
- 29 Punish a favourite dog (7) 30 Old bridge for sale (7)

3 Annoy an informer (4)

#### 4 Leaning over he upset Nigel (7) 5 Stiff man enters vehicle (7) 6 Course for an ethnic group

# SOLUTIONS

# QUICK CROSSWORD

2 Malady (7) 3 Smell (5) 6 Precise (5)

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1 Sham (5)

# Weizman visits Czech Republic

Ezer Weizman said yesterday there is a positive feeling about prospects for a comprehensive peace in the Middle East, but Israel still has to "keep its powder

Speaking at the start of a threeday state visit to the Czech Republic, Weizman said there is optimism in the region after apparent diplomatic progress made between Israeli and Syrian negotiators in talks last week near Washington

"There is a spirit of optimism, but we have to be careful, we are a small country, outnumbered," he told a news conference.

He summarized his feelings about peace in the Middle East saying: "Trust in the lord, and keep your powder dry."

Weizman said it is too early to comment on US Defense Secretary William Perry's offer earlier this week to help guarantee a peace reached between Israel and Syria by stationing US troops on the Golan Heights.

He said a political settlement must come first.

Prime Minister Shimon Peres has equated the Perry proposal to the multi-national peace observers, including Americans, who have guarded the Sinai since it was handed back by Israel to Egypt under the 1979 Camp Da-

PRAGUE (Reuter) - President vid treaty. But Weizman said the comparison is not apt, as the Golan Heights is a much smaller piece of territory.

Weizman chose Prague for his first state visit in Europe since becoming president in 1993 because, he said, then-Czechoslovakia helped Israel in the War of Independence.

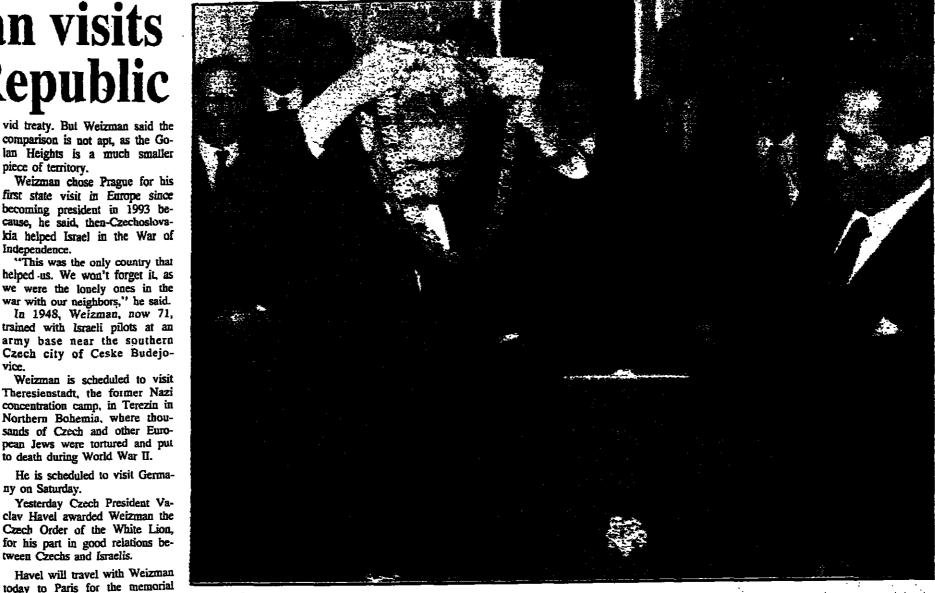
"This was the only country that helped us. We won't forget it, as we were the lonely ones in the war with our neighbors," he said. In 1948, Weizman, now 71, trained with Israeli pilots at an army base near the southern

Weizman is scheduled to visit Theresienstadt, the former Nazi concentration camp, in Terezin in Northern Bohemia, where thousands of Czech and other European Jews were tortured and put to death during World War II.

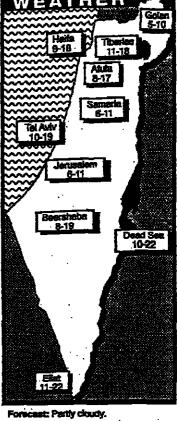
He is scheduled to visit Germany on Saturday.

Yesterday Czech President Vaclay Havel awarded Weizman the Czech Order of the White Lion, for his part in good relations between Czechs and Israelis.

Havel will travel with Weizman today to Paris for the memorial service honoring former French president Francois Mitterrand, who died on Monday.



President Ezer Weizman puts a golden chain around his neck as Czech President Vaclav Havel looks on during the presentation of the Order of the White Lion, the highest Czech state award, in a ceremony in Prague yesterday.



AROUND THE WORLD



# 'Charge those paying illegal wages'

THOSE responsible for illegally high wage payments in the public sector should be prosecuted, State Comptroller Miniam Ben-Porat told the Knesset State Control Committee yesterday.

The committee was discussing a recent Treasury report on public-sector wages, which uncovered exorbitant wage payments in 1994 in about half of the 633 local authorities, government companies, and municipal corporations examined.

The report was compiled by Yossi Kuchik, head of the Treasury's wage division.

Some of these payments are illegal, because the law sets upper limits on the salaries of certain public officials. In other cases, Kuchik said, the payments might be legal, but still unjustifiable, as in the case of a government company that legally gave one official a NIS 100,000 bonus.

There is no doubt that the

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The key question is, what will be done with the data?

Kuchik replied that he also attached great importance to enforcing the law, and was consulting with Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair and Acting State Attorney Nili Arad on how to proceed. However, he said, he has no authority to take legal action himself. Instead, he must ask the Interior Ministry to take action against violators in the local authorities, the Government Companies Authority to act against violators in government

companies, and so forth. Committee chairman David Magen (Likud) agreed that this is problematic, and said the committee would try to persuade the full Knesset to expand Kuchik's legal authority.

Magen complained that Kuchik's report, though vastly imimportant," Ben-Porat said. a sufficient deterrent against ex- this limit, he said.

orbitant wages, because violators' names are not published. A bill introduced in June would have changed this, but the government opposed the bill, so it has gone nowhere, he said.

Kuchik responded that he does not know why the government opposed this bill, but he personally favors it. The MKs present also supported this idea, so Magen decided the committee would try to move the bill forward.

Kuchik said he also planned to make the report on 1995 salaries more complete. Next year's report will also include details of pension benefits, overtime payments, expense reimbursement and other benefits. Kuchik said the worst offend-

ers in the excess wage department are the local authorities. Municipal corporations, whose senior officials are by law permitted to earn no more than the local mayor, are also often paying their

# Vote postponed on funding for Leah Rabin

THE Knesset Finance Committee vesterday reformulated a proposal to allocate an office to Leah Rabin to make it more general, but postponed a vote until Monday.

Committee legal adviser Anna Schneider had ruled last week that the committee could give special benefits to prime ministers' widows in general, but legally could not give such benefits

only to Leah Rabin. The revised proposal will therefore state that the widow of wany prime minister who died during his tenure in office under exceptional circumstances" will be eligible for an office, secretary, car, and driver.

Likud MKs charged that this was a case of defining the criteria to meet a special case, but Schneider said this definition was EVELYN GORDON

The funding proposal seems likely to pass easily on Monday, in a vote divided along party lines. The one question still to be decided is how long Rabin will receive the benefits.

The government's request was for three years; Likud MKs argue that one year is sufficient, since the wave of condolence cards and calls will probably die down by

Cabinet secretary Shinnel Hol-lander told the committee that while Rabin has received several offers of funding from private individuals, she considers it undignified to accept them and prefers to be funded by the state.

Likud MKs agreed that some public funding was justified, but said it should not be coming from the government. Both Ron Nah-

man and Dan Tichon (Likud) said that since some institution for memorializing Yitzhak Rabin will certainly be set up, the proper course would be simply to name Leah Rabin chairman of this institution and give her a budget from the institution for answering her mail and phone calls. This is how Levy Eshkol's widow handled the problem, Ti-

The problem, said opposition MKs, is that Leah Rabin has repeatedly announced her intention to use her position to push the peace process, and furthermore "throws mud on anyone who disagrees with her opinions," in Tichon's words.

Committee chairman Gedalva Gal scoffed at this argument, saying Rabin will say what she pleasgovernment funding.

state." said Darawshe.

He stressed, however, that the

DAP would not countenance uni-

ty "at any price or under any

conditions," and that Tibi would

have to be "realistic" and take

into account the existing political

that he is a major force, and

wants unity under his leadership.

but that's not what is happening

which are represented in the

Knesset, in the Histadrut, local

authorities, and all other institu-

tions - ourselves and Hadash.

sent the Arab public."

"There are existing parties

"Therefore, we are calling for

unity that would reflect in the right way, the forces which repre-

Recent surveys indicate that

the vast majority of eligible Arab

in the field," Darawshe said.

"He is living under the illusion

#### Winning cards

In yesterday's Mifal Hapayis daily Chance card draw, the lucky cards were the king of spades, seven of hearts, queen of dia-monds, and ace of clubs.

#### MKs slam Abu Medein's Holocaust comparison

LIAT COLLINS

THE comparison between German reparations to Holocaust victims and compensation to intifada victims made last week by Palestinian Authority Justice Minister Freih Abu Medein was condemned in the Knesset yes-

"The intended or spontaneous slip of the tongue by Abu Medein should have shocked the whole country ... The chilling, terrible, and despicable comparison, which desecrates the memory of the millions who were killed in the Holocaust, exposes the true face of those we are so eagerly courting," said Zevulun Hammer (National Religious Party) in a motion to the agenda.

"The blood of women and children killed by the terrorist organization of which Abu Medein was one of the leaders has not yet

The heads of the PLO have yet to fulfill their promises to cancel the clauses in the Palestinian Covenant calling for Israel's destruction, and yet their senior representatives are expressing out loud their attitude towards their new allies.

"These are the words of the person responsible for law and justice in the Palestinian Authority, and yet the government's hand did not even tremble when, after such a terrible statement, it allowed the release of hundreds of terrorists and murderers, both PLO and Hamas."

Naomi Chazan (Meretz), who met with Abu Medein the same day, said she had told him to

#### Bezeq to upgrade phone service on IDF bases

JUDY SIEGEL

BEZEQ will be given a list from the IDF of all bases lacking ar adequate number of public tele phones and will install as many

Bezeq director-general Yitzhak Kaul, who met with base commanders and IDF communications specialists, said reports show that soldiers complain about long queues to call home. Those outlying areas that cannot be hooked up by conventional lines will use cellular phone systems and radiophones.

Meanwhile, Bezeg will soon double the capacity of the satellite station in the Elah Valley, Kanl said.

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#### Bills would set minimum sentence for sex offenders

minimum sentence for sexual crimes passed preliminary reading in the Knesset yesterday.

According to Knesset Law Committee head Dedi Zucker (Meretz), who submitted one of them, the legislation was drafted following a spate of recent light sentences passed in the courts. The second bill was submitted by MK Yael Dayan (Labor).

According to the bills, the sen-tence issued to most sex offenders would be no less than a quarter of the maximum sentence, unless the court decides there are extenuating circumstances. This clause aims to avoid a situation in which judges would exonerate offenders because they were reluctant to pass a stiff sentence.

Dayan noted that her bill had failed in the Knesset previously, but that she had raised it again after Justice Minister David Liba'i had also publicly said sentencing in sex cases is too light.

#### Tibi calls for wide Arab election coalition **DAVID RUDGE**

rights for Arab citizens in the

DR. AHMED Tibi yesterday publicly called for as wide an Arab coalition as possible to run in the next Knesset elections. "I will do everything so that

not a single Arab vote will be wasted," said Tibi, who intends to run at the head of the soon-tobe formed Arab Movement for Change Party.
Tibi, an adviser to PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat, said contacts

with other Arab parties are continuing in hopes of forging a united Arab list, although official negotiations would only begin after the formal establishment, scheduled for March, of his new party. His comments were welcomed by Democratic Arab Party leader MK Abdel Wahab Darawshe,

who said he had made similar calls in the past. Darawshe said his party is also anxious to avoid splitting the Arab vote and wants to see as

Knesset as possible. representation in the Knesset in order to have a greater influence on the peace process and to win

many Arab MKs in the next "We want to increase Arab

voters would prefer a united list. "According to nine out of 10 of all the polls our party, the Arab Movement for Change, would pass the vote threshold and win

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